The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Margaret Mitchell was invited to declare any relevant interests. Margaret Mitchell indicated that she had no relevant interests to declare.

2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private. The Committee also agreed to consider its approach to its scrutiny of the budget in private at its next meeting.

3. **Tribunals (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Rt Hon Lord Gill, Lord President of the Court of Session;

   Roseanna Cunningham, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs;

   Michael Gilmartin, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

   Sale of Alcohol to Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/199);
Vulnerable Witnesses (Giving evidence in relation to the determination of Children's Hearing grounds: Authentication of Prior Statements) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/215);

Football Banning Orders (Regulated Football Matches) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/228);

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/229);

Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/247);

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Photocopying Fees and Welfare Reform) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/250).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.


6. **Engagement with stakeholders (in private):** The Committee considered correspondence received.

The meeting closed at 12.07 pm.

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