



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

4th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Tuesday 26 January 2016

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Margaret McDougall

Margaret Mitchell

Gil Paterson

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Also present: Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (item 2).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

97 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

73 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

75 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 70, 72 and 88.

The following amendments were not moved: 71, 31A, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 98, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 and 99.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 11, 12, 17, 21, 22, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 and the Long Title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 32 and schedule 2.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee took evidence from—

Professor Alan Miller, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission.

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

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/431).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to (a) write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice seeking his views on the concerns raised by the Fire Brigades Union on the legislative consent memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill; (b) undertake post-legislative scrutiny of aspects of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006; and (c) write to relevant individuals and organisations inviting comments on the operation of that Act to inform the Committee's scrutiny.

The meeting closed at 12.43 pm.

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