PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Tuesday 27 October 2015

Present:

Jackson Carlaw
Angus MacDonald
Michael McMahon (Convener)
John Wilson

Kenny MacAskill
Hanzala Malik
David Torrance (Deputy Convener)

Also present: Chic Brodie and Murdo Fraser.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Consideration of new petitions: The Committee considered—

PE1573 by Jordan Daly, on behalf of T.I.E. - Time for Inclusive Education, on statutory teaching of LGBTI+ issues and took evidence from Jordan Daly and Liam Stevenson, T.I.E - Time for Inclusive Education and John Naples Campbell, Teacher, Knightswood Secondary School, Glasgow. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, a selection of teacher training institutions, Falkirk Council, West Dunbartonshire Council, Braes High School, Vale of Leven Academy, COSLA, Stonewall Scotland, the Educational Institute of Scotland, YMCA Scotland and the Scout Association in Scotland.

Angus MacDonald indicated that he is undertaking a property transaction with the Free Church of Scotland, which has made a submission on this petition, but that he is not in direct contact with them.

PE1574 by Freda Birrell, on behalf of the UK Association of HPV Vaccine Injured Daughters (AHVID), on HPV vaccine safety and took evidence from Freda Birrell, UK Association of HPV Vaccine Injured Daughters and David Birrell. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1577 by Rachael Wallace on adult cerebral palsy services and took evidence from Rachael Wallace and Stephanie Fraser, Chief Executive,
Bobath Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Capability Scotland and Bobath Scotland.

2. **Consideration of continued petitions**: The Committee considered—

   **PE1540** by Douglas Philand on a permanent solution for the A83. The Committee agreed to write to Transport Scotland.

   **PE1545** by Ann Maxwell, on behalf of the Muir Maxwell Trust, on residential care provision for the severely learning disabled. The Committee agreed to write to Donaldson’s College and the Scottish Government.

   **PE1555** by Siobhan Garrahy on electric shock and vibration collars for animals. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

   **PE1556** by John Mayhew, on behalf of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks and the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland, on a national parks strategy for Scotland. The Committee agreed to close the petition, under Rule 15.7, on the basis that there is a lack of consensus amongst stakeholders on the petition’s aims.

   **PE1561** by Karen Gray, on behalf of Rabbits Require Rights (Scotland), on pet rabbit welfare. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 12.38 pm.