



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 18 April 2017

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Finlay Carson
Kate Forbes
Emma Harper
Angus MacDonald

Alexander Burnett
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener)
Richard Lyle
Mark Ruskell

Apologies were received from David Stewart.

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Richard Lyle was invited to declare any relevant interests.

Richard Lyle indicated that he had no interests to declare.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.

3. **Petition PE1615 by Logan Steele on behalf of Scottish Raptor Study Group on a state regulated licensing system for gamebird hunting in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Logan Steele;

Andrea Hudspeth, Treasurer and Raptor Surveyor, Tayside Raptor Study;

Duncan Orr-Ewing, Head of Species and Land Management, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland;

David Johnstone, Chairman, Scottish Land & Estates;

Andy Smith, Committee Member, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;

Robbie Kernahan, Head of National Operations, Scottish Natural Heritage.

4. **The budget review process (in private):** The Committee considered its draft response to the Finance and Constitution Committee and the Budget Process Review Group. Various changes were agreed to. The Committee delegated to the Convener responsibility for finalising the draft response.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed—

To write to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform to invite her to give the Committee a general update on issues within her remit and discuss the timescale and process for completion of the Climate Change Plan.

To participate in a visit to Brussels at a future date.

The meeting closed at 1.06 pm.

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