



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**20th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Tuesday 19 June 2018**

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Finlay Carson
Graeme Dey (Convener)	Richard Lyle
Angus MacDonald	Alex Rowley
Mark Ruskell	John Scott (Deputy Convener)
Stewart Stevenson	

Apologies were received from Donald Cameron and Alex Neil.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Climate Change Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Mark Eggeling, Solicitor, Sara Grainger, Decarbonisation Delivery Unit Team Leader, Dr Tom Russon, Policy Officer, and Calum Webster, Bill Manager, Scottish Government.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

3. **Scotland's biodiversity targets:** The Committee took evidence from—

Bridget Campbell, Director of Environment and Forestry, Scottish Government;

Sally Thomas, Director of People and Nature, Scottish Natural Heritage.

All Members declared interests as species champions.

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

Environmental Protection (Microbeads) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/162).

The Committee agreed it had no recommendations to make in relation to the instrument. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government regarding further work on microplastics.

5. **Climate Change Bill (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking further information on the Bill.

6. **Scotland's biodiversity targets:** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government on evidence heard in the session.

The meeting closed at 12.52 pm.

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