



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Wednesday 20 January 2021

Present:

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| Sarah Boyack (Deputy Convener) | Keith Brown |
| James Dornan (Convener) | Gordon MacDonald |
| Alexander Stewart | Andy Wightman |

Also present: Richard Lyle

Apologies were received from Annie Wells.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Alex James Colquhoun, Chairman, Scottish Section of the Showman's Guild;

Andrew Masterton, Scottish Showman;

Fiona Stewart, Senior Solicitor, Society of Local Authority Lawyers & Administrators in Scotland (SOLAR);

Morag Douglas, Team Leader (Licensing), South Ayrshire Council;

Raymond Lynch, Solicitor, Section Head (Licensing), West Dunbartonshire Council;

Dr Andrea Salvona, Fair Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments-

The Charities (Disclosure of Information to Designated Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2020; and

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development and Use Classes) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020.

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

4. **Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

5. **European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a draft Stage 1 report.

In line with Rule 9.13A of Standing Orders, Andy Wightman took no part in this item.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm.

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