RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman  John Finnie
Jamie Greene  Richard Lyle
Fulton MacGregor  John Mason
Edward Mountain (Convener)  Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)
Mike Rumbles  Colin Smyth

Apologies were received from Stewart Stevenson.

The meeting opened at 10.03 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.

2. **Major transport infrastructure projects update:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Michelle Rennie, Director, Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, Alasdair Graham, Transport Scotland Head of Planning and Design, and Roy Brannen, Chief Executive, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government.

John Finnie declared an interest as a member of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and TransportWorkers (RMT) Parliamentary Group.

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

   The Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/450)

   The Specified Crustaceans (Prohibition on Landing Sale and Carriage) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/455)
and agreed not to make any recommendations in relation to the instruments.

4. **Appointment of a reporter (in private):** The Committee agreed not to appoint a reporter to attend meetings of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee during its consideration of the environmental implications of aquaculture.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

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