The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Transport**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Keith Brown, Minister for Transport and Veterans, Ainslie McLaughlin, Director, Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, Aidan Grisewood, Director of Rail, and Archie Stoddart, Transport Strategy Team Leader, Scottish Government.

3. **Marine Navigation (No.2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)**: The Committee took evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4)18.1 from—

   Keith Brown, Minister for Transport and Veterans, and Stuart Foubister, Divisional Solicitor, Scottish Government.

4. **Public petitions**: The Committee considered the following petitions—

   PE1236 by Jill Fotheringham, on A90-A937 safety improvements;
   PE1425 by Maureen Harkness, on the adverse impact of DVLA local office closures.

   In relation to PE1236, the Committee agreed to write to Transport Scotland on issues raised during discussion.
In relation to PE1425, the Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

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

   The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Assistance to Registered Social Landlords and Other Persons) (Grants) Amendment Revocation Regulations 2012 - 2012/306

   The M74 Motorway (Fullarton Road to the M8 West of Kingston Bridge) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2012 - 2012/320

   The Committee agreed not to make any recommendations in relation to these instruments.

6. **Marine Navigation (No.2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee agreed a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4)18.1.

7. **Forth Road Bridge Bill:** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

The meeting closed at 12.26 pm.

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