Present:
Tom Arthur
Neil Findlay
Graham Simpson (Convener)
Bill Bowman (Committee Substitute)
Stuart McMillan (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Alison Harris.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Tom Arthur had no relevant interests to declare.

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

3. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Mike Dailly, Solicitor Advocate & Principal Solicitor, Govan Law Centre;
   Mike Holmyard, Money Advice Consultant, Citizens Advice Scotland.

4. **Document subject to approval:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—


5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

   Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/112).

6. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2 and agreed that it does not need to report further on the delegated powers following the Scottish Government amendments lodged on 18 April.
7. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered recent developments of relevance to its ongoing consideration of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

8. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it heard.

The meeting closed at 11.09 am.

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