ENIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 17 April 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Finlay Carson
Kate Forbes
Angus MacDonald
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

Donald Cameron
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Richard Lyle
Alex Rowley
John Scott (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.44 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill**: The Committee took evidence from—

   - Alex Kinninmonth, Head of Marine Policy at Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland, Scottish Environment LINK;
   - Councillor Norman MacDonald, Convener, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar;
   - Audrey Maclver, Director of Energy and Low Carbon, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
   - Dr Calum MacLeod, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland;
   - Andy Wells, Head of Property, Crown Estate Scotland.

   Donald Cameron declared an interest as a landowner in the Highlands and Islands.

3. **Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17**: The Committee took evidence from—
Angus MacDonald indicated he has a family member who is currently in dispute with Scottish Water through the Court of Session.

4. **Committee on Climate Change - Annual Progress Report (in private):** The Committee considered draft correspondence to the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity.

Various changes were agreed to, and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft, at its next meeting.

5. **Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer and owner of 100% of Water Distribution and Energy Services Ltd, a water retailing company. This company is registered but not trading.

6. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

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