ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish  Rhoda Grant
Richard Lyle     Angus MacDonald
Gillian Martin (Convener)  Mark Ruskell
John Scott (Deputy Convener)  Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Finlay Carson.

The meeting opened at 9.16 am.

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

2. **Declaration of interests**: Rhoda Grant indicated an interest as a member of UNISON and the Co-operative Party.

3. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Shane Donnellan, Senior Behaviour Change Specialist, Changeworks;

   Dr Rachel Howell, Lecturer in Sustainable Development, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh;

   Mary Sweetland, Chair, Eco Congregation Scotland;

   Jamie Stewart, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;

   Paul Gray, Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;

   Mai Muhammad, Energy Manager, Aberdeen City Council;
Tom Thackray, Director of Infrastructure and Energy, CBI Scotland;

Chris Wood-Gee, Chair, Sustainable Scotland Network.

John Scott indicated an interest as a farmer.

4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018**: The Committee agreed to write to the Parliamentary Bureau in relation to the management of its anticipated work considering consent notifications.

5. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private)**: The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

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