The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

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

2. **Committee on Climate Change - Annual Progress Report**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Adrian Gault, Acting Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change.

John Scott declared an interest as a farmer.

Donald Cameron declared an interest and referred to his entries in the Register of Interests in connection with renewable energy.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as a shareholder in Boyndie Wind Farm Cooperative Limited.

3. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill**: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Patricia Hawthorn, Board Member, Scottish Renewables;
David Sandison, General Manager, Scottish Salmon Producers’ Organisation;

Mark Simmonds, Policy Manager, British Ports Association;

Dr Alan Wells, Chief Executive, Fisheries Management Scotland.

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

4. **PE1646**: The Committee considered a petition by Caroline Hayes on drinking water supplies in Scotland and agreed to raise issues stemming from the petition with Scottish Water at its meeting on Tuesday 17 April and will formally consider the petition at the earliest available opportunity in the Committee’s work programme.

5. **Committee on Climate Change - Annual Progress Report**: The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity. It also agreed to write to the Rural Economy and Connectivity, Local Government and Communities and Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committees to highlight the evidence session.

6. **National Performance Framework National Outcomes**: The Committee considered its approach to the Scottish Government’s parliamentary consultation and agreed—

   - its timetable for the inquiry;
   - its list of stakeholders to write to seeking their views; and
   - to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.

7. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill (in private)**: The Committee agreed to consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting at a future date.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

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