RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 12 September 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman
Jamie Greene
John Mason
Mike Rumbles
Maureen Watt

John Finnie
Richard Lyle
Edward Mountain (Convener)
Colin Smyth

Apologies were received from Gail Ross (Deputy Convener), Stewart Stevenson.

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Maureen Watt indicated that she had no interests to declare.

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

   Tasha Geddie, Transport Scotland Bill Team, Stephen Thomson, Head of Environmental & Sustainability Policy, Peter Grant, Team Leader – Bus Policy, Gordon Hanning, Head of Integrated Ticketing Unit, George Henry, Policy Manager – Parking, Kat Quane, Policy Officer – Road Works, Joanne Gray, Policy Manager – Regional Transport Partnerships, Chris Wilcock, Head of Ports, Shipping, Freight and Canals, Kevin Gibson, Legal Department, Alison Martin, Legal Department, Anne Cairns, Legal Department, and Claire McGill, Legal Department, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

   The Scalpay Island, Isle of Skye, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2018 (SSI 2018/245)

   and agreed not to make any recommendations in relation to the instrument.
4. **Salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report.

The meeting closed at 12.28 pm.

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