Present:

Peter Chapman  John Finnie
Jamie Greene  Richard Lyle
Fulton MacGregor  John Mason
Edward Mountain (Convener)  Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)
Mike Rumbles  Colin Smyth
Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Donald Cameron

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] from—

   Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Tom Davy, Head of Bus and Local Transport Policy Unit, Transport Scotland, and Gordon Hanning, Head of Concessionary Travel and Integrated Ticketing Unit, Scottish Government.

   Stewart Stevenson declared interests as Honorary President of the Scottish Association for Public Transport and holder of a concessionary bus pass.

   John Mason declared an interest as holder of a concessionary bus pass.

   Peter Chapman declared an interest as holder of a concessionary bus pass.

   Richard Lyle declared an interest as holder of a concessionary bus pass.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Minister for Transport and the Islands) moved—
S5M-10336—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

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

   The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/44)

   The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/50)

and agreed not to make any recommendations in relation to the instruments.

4. **Salmon Farming in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Professor Paul Tett, Reader in Coastal Ecosystems, The Scottish Association for Marine Science;

   Professor James Bron, Professor in Aquaculture, and Professor Herve Migaud, Professor of Aquatic Breeding and Physiology, University of Stirling’s Institute of Aquaculture;

   Steve Westbrook, Economist.

   Edward Mountain declared an interest as a partner in a wild salmon fishery.

   Donald Cameron declared an interest in fish farming and fishing.

The meeting closed at 12.29 pm.

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