Present:

Peter Chapman  
Kate Forbes  
John Mason  
Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)  
Colin Smyth

John Finnie  
Jamie Greene  
Edward Mountain (Convener)  
Mike Rumbles  
Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Donald Cameron

Apologies were received from Richard Lyle.

The meeting opened at 9.04 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Kate Forbes indicated that she had no interests to declare.

2. **Transport – Passenger representatives:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Sheila Fletcher, Member, and Hussein Patwa, Member, Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland;

   Robert Samson, Senior Stakeholder Manager, Transport Focus;

   Gavin Booth, Director for Scotland, Bus Users Scotland.

Stewart Stevenson declared interests as Honorary Vice President of Rail Future UK and as Honorary Vice President of the Scottish Association for Public Transport.

John Finnie declared interests as a member of the Scottish Parliament’s Cross Party Group on Rail and the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) Parliamentary Group.
Gail Ross declared an interest as Honorary Vice President of the Friends of the Far North Line.

John Mason declared an interest as Co-Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Rail.

3. **Salmon farming in Scotland**: The Committee took evidence from—

   James Withers, Chief Executive, Scotland Food & Drink;

   Elaine Jamieson, Head of Food and Drink, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;

   Heather Jones, Chief Executive, Scottish Aquaculture Innovation Centre.

Edward Mountain declared interests as a partner in a wild salmon fishery and as a farmer.

Donald Cameron declared an interest in fish farming and fishing.

The meeting closed at 11.44 am.

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