The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Major transport infrastructure projects update:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, and Michelle Rennie, Director, Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, Scottish Government.

   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.

2. **Annual report:** The Committee agreed a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2017 to 11 May 2018.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

   The Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/132).

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

   Edward Mountain declared an interest as a farmer.

   Peter Chapman declared an interest as a farmer.

   The meeting closed at 11.52 am.

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