RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 27 June 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman
Jamie Greene
John Mason
Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)
Colin Smyth

John Finnie
Richard Lyle
Edward Mountain (Convener)
Mike Rumbles
Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Kate Forbes.

The meeting opened at 10.04 am.

1. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

   Gail Ross declared an interest as Honorary Vice President of the Friends of the Far North Line.

2. **Pre-budget scrutiny (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to pre-budget scrutiny.

3. **Post-legislative scrutiny (in private):** The Committee considered options for post-legislative scrutiny.

The Committee moved to the Robert Burns Room (CR1) for agenda item 4.

4. **Implications for Scotland of the UK’s departure from the EU – agriculture and fisheries:** The Committee took evidence via video conference from—

   The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary for State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK Government.

   Edward Mountain declared an interest as a farmer.
Peter Chapman declared an interest as a farmer.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as an owner of a small agricultural holding.

The meeting closed at 12.16 pm.

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