RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

25th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 3 October 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman  John Finnie
Jamie Greene  Richard Lyle
John Mason  Edward Mountain (Convener)
Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)  Colin Smyth
Stewart Stevenson  Maureen Watt

Apologies were received from Mike Rumbles.

The meeting opened at 8.52 am.

1. **Salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report.

2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—

   The Heavy Goods Vehicle (Charging for the Use of Certain Infrastructure on the Trans-European Road Network) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018

   The Maritime Transport Access to Trade and Cabotage (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018

   and agreed to write to the Scottish Government to confirm it is content for consent to be given in each case.

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

   George Mair, Director - Scotland, Confederation of Passenger Transport;
Simon Hulme, IT Director, CalMac Ltd;

Robert Samson, Senior Stakeholder Manager, Transport Focus;

George Mair, Director - Scotland, Confederation of Passenger Transport;

Gavin Booth, Director for Scotland, Bus Users Scotland;

Emma Cooper, Chief Executive, Scottish Rural Action;

Chris Day, Policy Advisor, Transform Scotland;

Professor David Gray, Professor of Transport Policy, Robert Gordon University.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as Honorary Vice President of the Scottish Association for Public Transport.

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm.