



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

28th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 7 November 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman

Richard Lyle

Edward Mountain (Convener)

Mike Rumbles

Maureen Watt

Jamie Greene

John Mason

Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)

Colin Smyth

Apologies were received from John Finnie, Stewart Stevenson (public session only) .

The meeting opened at 8.32 am.

1. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
2. **Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report.
4. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Stuart Hay, Director, Living Streets Scotland;

John Lauder, National Director, Sustrans Scotland;

Iain Smith, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Inclusion Scotland;

David Hunter, Member, Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland;

Alex Rae, NRSWA Manager for Scotia Gas Networks, on behalf of Street Works UK;

Elizabeth Draper, Head of Compliance & Regulation for Streetworks, Openreach;

Angus Carmichael, Scottish Roadworks Commissioner;

Mark McEwen, General Manager – Customer Service, Scottish Water;

5. **Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee noted the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (LCM(S5)19).

The meeting closed at 12.27 pm.

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