



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 2 March 2016

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Graeme Dey (Deputy Convener)
Rob Gibson (Convener)
Angus MacDonald
Dave Thompson

Sarah Boyack
Alex Fergusson
Jim Hume
Michael Russell

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Legacy process:** The Committee took evidence from:

Clare Slipper, Parliamentary Officer, NFU Scotland;

Sarah-Jane Laing, Director of Policy and Parliamentary Affairs, Scottish Land and Estates;

Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;

Alan Laidlaw, Head of Property - Scotland Portfolio, The Crown Estate;

Calum Duncan, Convenor, Scottish Environment LINK Marine Group;

Patrick Krause, Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation;

Ian Cooke, Director, Development Trusts Association Scotland;

Dr Sarah Skerratt, Head of Land Economy, Environment and Society Research Group, and Director of Rural Policy Centre, Scotland's Rural College;

Jonathan Hughes, Chief Executive, Scottish Wildlife Trust;

Pete Ritchie, Executive Director, Nourish Scotland;

Sam Gardner, Head of Policy, WWF Scotland;

Iain Gulland, Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland;

Colin Campbell, Director of Science and Interim CEO, James Hutton Institute;

Tom Ballantine, Chair, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland;

Andy Kerr, Executive Director, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation;

Willie McGhee, Forest Policy Group;

Stuart Goodall, Chief Executive, Confor.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/69);

Seed (Licensing and Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/68);

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/83);

Wester Ross Marine Conservation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/88);

Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Conservation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/90).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations on the instruments.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

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