



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

13th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 9 May 2012

Present:

Claudia Beamish	Graeme Dey
Nigel Don (Committee Substitute)	Annabelle Ewing (Deputy Convener)
Alex Fergusson	Rob Gibson (Convener)
Jim Hume	Margaret McDougall
Dennis Robertson	

Also present: Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment.

Apologies were received from Richard Lyle.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

Amendment 1 was agreed to (without division).

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and the long title.

Section 4 was agreed to as amended.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

2. **Petition PE1386:** The Committee considered a Petition by Richard Munday on behalf of the Torridon Nephrops Management Group calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review and pilot the establishment of further spatially separated static gear only inshore fisheries to improve fisheries management

The Committee agreed to invite the petitioner and other stakeholders to give evidence, in roundtable format, at a future meeting.

3. **Annual report:** The Committee agreed its annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2012 to 10 May 2012, subject to minor amendments.

The meeting closed at 10.28 am.

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