



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## DEVOLUTION (FURTHER POWERS) COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2015 (Session 4)

Thursday 11 June 2015

Present:

Bruce Crawford (Convener)  
Rob Gibson  
Alison Johnstone  
Stewart Maxwell  
Stuart McMillan  
Tavish Scott

Linda Fabiani  
Alex Johnstone  
Lewis Macdonald  
Mark McDonald  
Duncan McNeil (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Helen Clifford, Team Leader, Franchise Team, Gillian Cross, Policy Adviser, Franchise Team, Colin Brown, Senior Principle Legal Director, and Willie Ferrie, Parliamentary Counsel, Scottish Government.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 5, 12 and 13.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

2. **BBC Memorandum of Understanding (UK Government Proposals):** The Committee considered the contents of a Memorandum of Understanding on the BBC, in line with the UK Government's proposals following the Smith Commission, and agreed to return to it at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.02 am.

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