



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 10 November 2020

Present:

Annabelle Ewing  
James Kelly  
Fulton MacGregor  
Liam McArthur  
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

John Finnie  
Liam Kerr  
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)  
Shona Robison

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.
2. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

John McLellan, Director, Scottish Newspaper Society;

Lisa Clark, Project Manager, Scottish PEN;

Fraser Sutherland, Chief Executive, Humanist Society Scotland;

David Greig, Artistic Director, The Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh;

Anthony Horan, Director, Catholic Parliamentary Office of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland;

David Bradwell, Associate Secretary (Global Justice and Public Witness), Faith Impact Forum, Church of Scotland;

Kieran Turner, Public Policy Officer, Scotland, Evangelical Alliance;

Rev. Stephen Allison, Minister & Assistant Clerk to the General Assembly,  
Free Church of Scotland;

Ravi Ladva, Hindu Forum of Britain (Scotland Chapter);

Isobel Ingham-Barrow, Head of Policy, Muslim Engagement and  
Development (MEND);

Neil Barber, spokesperson for Scotland, National Secular Society;

Hardeep Singh, Deputy Director, Network of Sikh Organisations;

Ephraim Borowski, Director, Scottish Council of Jewish Communities.

3. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

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