



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Present:

Mairi Evans
Fulton MacGregor
Ben Macpherson
Margaret Mitchell
Douglas Ross

John Finnie
Rona Mackay
Liam McArthur
Oliver Mundell
Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Mary Fee.

The meeting opened at 10.33 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee were invited to declare any relevant interests. Mairi Evans, Rona Mackay, Liam McArthur, and Oliver Mundell had no such interests to declare. The following interests were declared—

John Finnie as a former police officer, a member of the Highlands and Islands branch of the Retired Police Officers Association Scotland and a police service pensioner;

Fulton MacGregor as a member of North Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire community safety partnership, and as being on the register of the Scottish Social Services Council;

Ben Macpherson as a former practising solicitor and a current member of the Law Society of Scotland;

Margaret Mitchell as a member of JUSTICE Scotland;

Douglas Ross as a member of Moray Council and its Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee. Mr Ross indicated that his wife is a serving police sergeant;

Stewart Stevenson indicated that a close family member is a serving police constable.

2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee chose Margaret Mitchell as its Convener.
3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee chose Rona Mackay as its Deputy Convener.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee considered its approach to developing its work programme and agreed to: (a) hold a business planning day during the summer recess; (b) write to HM Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland requesting that the report of his Assurance Review of Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit be published in time for consideration by the Committee at its 28 June meeting, and inviting him to give evidence at that meeting; and (c) consider its work programme at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.53 am.

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