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**6<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2016, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*Edward Mountain (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Gail Ross (Caithness, Sutherland and Ross) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Peter Chapman (North East Scotland) (Con)

\*Mairi Evans (Angus North and Mearns) (SNP)

\*John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (Green)

\*Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

\*Jamie Greene (West Scotland) (Con)

\*Richard Lyle (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP)

\*John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (SNP)

\*Mike Rumbles (North East Scotland) (LD)

Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Steve Farrell

**LOCATION**

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)



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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]*

### European Union Reporter

**The Convener (Edward Mountain):** Welcome, everyone, to the sixth meeting of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee. Everyone is reminded to switch off their mobile phones. Apologies have been received from Stewart Stevenson, who is unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda item 1 is the appointment of a European Union reporter. Paragraph 4 of the paper from the clerks outlines the role of the EU reporter. In addition, paragraph 5 outlines a proposed expansion to the role in relation to reporting to the committee on issues arising from the Brexit vote that are relevant to the committee's remit. I invite members' nominations for the role.

**Peter Chapman (North East Scotland) (Con):** I nominate Mike Rumbles, who would be an excellent EU reporter.

**Richard Lyle (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP):** I am more than happy to second that nomination.

**The Convener:** Do members agree to the nomination?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**Mike Rumbles (North East Scotland) (LD):** I thank the convener, Peter Chapman, Richard Lyle and all the other members. I will work closely with you all in my reporter role.

**The Convener:** Thank you, Mike. That concludes the public part of the meeting. At the next meeting on 26 October 2016, the committee will hear from the Minister for Transport and the Islands on issues relevant to the committee's remit.

10:02

*Meeting continued in private until 11:15.*



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