

Just Transition Commission

Rumbletonrig Farm Visit

25th November 2019

Commission Attendees

Professor Jim Skea (Chair)
Lang Banks, representing WWF Scotland
Professor Mike Danson
Richard Hardy, representing Prospect
Rachel McEwan
Norman Kerr
Kate Rowell
Tom Shields

Meeting Summary

Members of the Commission were hosted by the owner and manager of Rumbletonrig Farm to get a first-hand experience of farming and hear about the Farming for a Better Climate (FFBC) programme. The Commission were also joined by representatives from SRUC, who manage the initiative on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Rumbletonrig Farm is a Climate Change Focus Farm, which is part of the FFBC initiative. FFBC is a voluntary initiative and trials ideas and measures to improve both farm performance and resilience to climate change effects.

The visit focused on the areas where the host has considered or implemented climate change mitigation measures. The discussion focused on;

- Action taken to protect and improve soils and optimise nutrient use, which includes more sophisticated soil testing methods to enable a targeted approach to maintain pH levels.
- Practical changes which have been taken on livestock management; including housing, grazing management and feed.
- How these practical solutions have helped to improve profitability and resource efficiency but how they have also helped to reduce emissions.

The visit helped the Commission prepare for their meeting the following day, which focused on Land and Agriculture.