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## **Tolson meets with VisitScotland**

Today Jim Tolson, MSP for Dunfermline West met with Richard Pinn and Laura McGlashen of VisitScotland to discuss tourism in the area.

Jim commented "This was a very productive meeting with VisitScotland. They highlighted a number of issues and improvements in the area including the welcome news of increased revenue from tourism.

I raised the issue of improving the opening times of local attractions such as Dunfermline Abbey – tourists visit the area throughout the year to visit King Robert's tomb and we need to ensure that our attractions are open to visitors all year around. I have urged Visit Scotland to speak with the Church of Scotland to see if the Abbey can be open to visitors all year round.

VisitScotland have a national Snowdrop Festival which is being tied in with local snowdrop events. Fife is participating in the festival with three venues including Valleyfield Woodland Park. This is excellent news for this area."

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