

15 December 2009

Tolson leads Allotments Debate

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline will be leading his third Members' Debate in the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 17 December 2010.

Jim commented "My Motion 'Allotments, Community Gardens and Grow-your-own Projects' lodged at the end of October has received a great deal of support from MSPs from all parties.

There is very high demand locally for allotments with a four to five year waiting list for those in Rosyth and Dunfermline. I've been out to visit the allotments in Rosyth and Dunfermline recently to discuss issues of concern to the plot holders and I will be working with them to resolve these issues.

At the moment, I am assisting a group of Crossford residents who are looking to establish new allotments on the site of the former Keavil Nursery. As a keen gardener, I am happy to support groups in Dunfermline and beyond to 'reap the benefits of what they sow'!

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[S3M-05087# Jim Tolson \(Dunfermline West\) \(Scottish Liberal Democrats\): Allotments, Community Gardens and Grow-your-own Projects](#)

— That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society in its role supporting allotment holders and community gardens in Scotland, encouraging the development of new sites, enhancing biodiversity and preserving skills in gardening; acknowledges the valuable work carried out by other organisations in the promotion of community gardens and grow-your-own projects; recognises the links between green space, activity and good health and the social, financial, environmental and health benefits of gardening and growing one's own food; highlights the need to protect and enhance green spaces, particularly in urban and deprived areas; notes that Crossford Community Council, in conjunction with Crossford Allotment Association and the Carnegie Trust, is investigating the provision of land for allotments, community gardens and social enterprise, and hopes that local authorities and other public bodies examine ways of transferring land to local communities to be used for such projects.

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