

(v) Mr D Macpherson

To the Leader of the Council

**Nominations have just closed for Interim Community Council elections, what will you be doing to demonstrate the Highland Council's commitment to ensuring strong and adequately funded community councils exist, and how will you fund their ongoing existence and promote their value to deliver localism and help their communities in the planning decision making progress for Highland Council and the communities that they represent?**

*Our commitment to Community Councils is unwavering and we demonstrate and resource this in a variety of ways such as funding: ensuring there is local support and guidance available, providing information to enable them to undertake their role, addressing local issues raised and crucially valuing their role as a voice for the local community. The Community Councils elections were promoted through a variety of channels, but If Cllr Macpherson has further suggestions, can he write to me and I will ensure they are given proper consideration.*