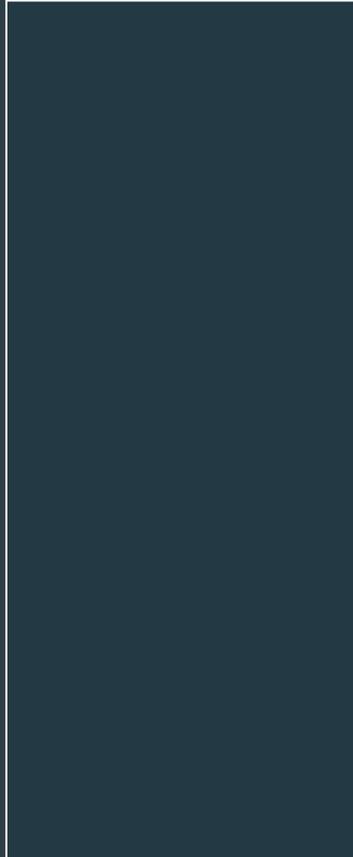


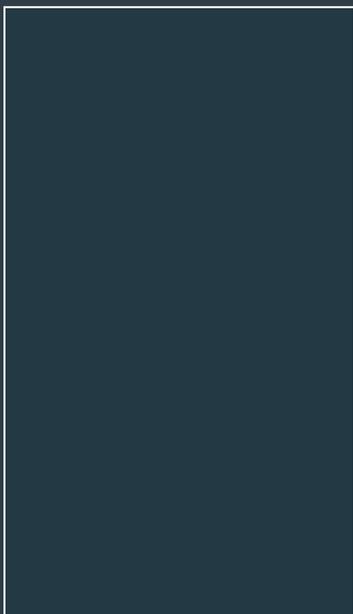


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## Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



I have spent significant time over the past few weeks meeting Councillors, staff and others to get a greater understanding of current operations, projects and priorities.

Over the next few weeks I will be spending some time in each of the Municipal Districts to hear further about the ongoing work in each area. As part of this I look forward to informal discussion with the Elected Members and in particular on your views as to what might be considered the priorities for both your Municipal District and the County. In due course, following the Summer, it may be beneficial to have some further discussion on areas that should be our focus of attention in the period ahead.

While the relevant legislation is still progressing through the Oireachtas, it appears that during July the opportunity will be available for the Members to consider extending the period for consideration of the draft County Development Plan. If the Members are of the view that this is the approach to be taken, any actions in the forthcoming period will be aligned with this. In the alternative, if the Members feel that consideration of the draft plan should progress as normal, a series of workshops and meetings will need to be convened throughout July to complete the process.



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Works ongoing to R312 Glenisland Bridge scheme with new bridge now practically complete. The scheme should be open by August 2021.

R345 Cong Outer Relief Road- Strategic Assessment Report to be submitted to the Department of Transport mid July.

RFT 189762 - A589 Housing - Ballina, Co. Mayo - 50 unit housing development at Rehins Fort, Ballina - Nine tenders submitted

### Dates to Note

First Meeting of the Working Group on the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme held 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Housing SPC meeting scheduled 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.  
LTACC meeting scheduled - 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.

Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project Board Meeting scheduled 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

## Housing, Roads & Service Development

TOM GILLIGAN



### Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough and N26 Cloongullane schemes.
- Design work ongoing to the N60 Heathlawn scheme with the aim to go to tender in Q3/Q4 2021.
- Design work ongoing for N59 Newport - Derrada scheme with the aim to go to tender in Q3/Q4 2021.
- Design work on going to N60 Manulla scheme which will now comprise of a 2km realignment scheme.
- N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass Phase 1 to progress to route options stage in Q4 2021.
- Works on going on the N60 Balla – Claremorris and N17 Charlestown Streets pavement schemes.
- Design works on going for 2021 pavement overlay, bridge rehabilitation and safety programmes.
- Consultants appointed by Department of Transport to undertake pavement analysis in relation on R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall road. Report expected in July 2021.

### Housing

- Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021.
- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708.
- 572 units have been completed with another 365 in different stages of progress.

### HAP & RAS

- June 2021 – 16 No. houses were delivered under the HAP Scheme and 5 No. houses was delivered under the RAS Scheme. Total of 2,169 active households supported by RAS & HAP at the end of June 2021.
- Leasing; - 6 No. houses delivered – total of 274 households supported under the Leasing Programme.
- Homelessness: - 8 No. homeless presentations (8 adults). Total from January to June – 46 presentations.
- Defective Concrete Block Grants – To date 98 No. Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility applications received. 72 No. Stage 1 Confirmation issued, and 9 No. Stage 2 Grant approvals have been received and all approved.
- Serviced Site Fund application has been submitted to the Dept. of Housing, Heritage and Local Government for Westport.

### Procurement & Efficiency

- RFT published - External Painting of LA Houses, Westport.
- Tenders published for street scape works in Ballina Town.
- Proposed Seating & Cycle Parking at Locations around Ballina Town.
- Ballina Municipal District - Refurbishment Works to Local Authority Houses.
- Refurbishment Works to 1 Station Rise, Ballyhaunis. A single response from 93 suppliers.
- Road Pavement & Road strengthening works tenders in all MD's.
- RFT's for Hedge cutting National and primary roads published.

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25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021: World Sand Dune Day, the first awareness day of its kind celebrating the beauty and biodiversity of sand dunes.

## Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services



JOHN CONDON

### CASTLEBAR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

The AGM of Castlebar Municipal District was held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June in Lough Lannagh Leisure Centre and **Cllr Martin McLoughlin** was elected as Cathaoirleach for the coming year and **Cllr AL McDonnell** was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

- Works started on the Urban Greenway Link URDF project.
- Additional outdoor seating & bins have been installed.
- Received 40 applications for the Shopfront Grant Scheme.
- Works have commenced on the Active Travel Projects.

### FIRE STATION

Mayo County Council received approval to proceed with the drawdown of 1 number vehicle from an OGP Framework Agreement for the Supply of Class B Fire Appliance at an estimated cost of c.€480,000 incl. VAT.

### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:

- Roll out of environmental protection messages as part of outdoor dining /staycation campaign through social media, radio and distribution of 5000 information leaflets in areas of high tourist activity.
- Roll out of “Annual Bonfire Awareness” campaign.

### CARO:

- To coincide with the first “World Sand Dune Day” CARO have launched a public awareness campaign #ProtectOurDunes, to raise awareness of the importance and fragility of this natural assets.  
Further information on the CARO website [Sand Dunes - They Protect Us, Let's Protect Them - CARO](#) and social media platforms.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT:

#### **Civic Amenity Sites:**

- The Civic Amenity sites at Derrinnumera and Rathroeen continue to operate as normal, providing essential waste services to approx. 2,500 customers per site.

#### **Waste Team:**

- Anti Dumping Initiative projects are underway with clean ups of illegal dump sites completed during June at Kilbride bog, Carrowkeribly and Greenhills Estate in Ballina M.D. Further clean ups in other MD's are scheduled for July.
- Free Bulky Waste days under the Anti Dumping Initiative took place in Achill and Belmullet on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June respectively, with a total of 5 X 40ft trailer loads of waste removed for recycling.
- Removal of waste from Bonfires in advance of St. Johns night, took place in Achill, Carrowteigue, Ballina and Castlebar.

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#### HR AND CORPORATE

##### New Appointments

- 1 Exec Librarian ▪ 1 WWC G5
- 5 RFF ▪ 10 Work Placements
- 18 General Operatives across Municipal Districts and Water Services. (38 appointed since January 2021)

##### Promotions

- 1 WWC G5 ▪ 1 SEE

##### Interviews held in June

- ISTSO - Network Engineer
- Assistant Staff Officer

##### Retirements

- 1 X A.O. ▪ 1 x S.E.T
- 1 x Support Worker ▪ 2 x ASO

##### FOI

10 FOI Requests in Month of June

##### Claims

3 Public Liability Claims

##### Customer Service

Total calls to reception welcome queue in June 2021: 6675

##### Training

A total of 239 Employees have attended training courses through the Castlebar Regional Training Centre for the month of June.

### Dates to Note

#### The Planning statistics for June are as follows:

- Applications received - 134
- Decisions to grant - 92
- Decision to refuse - 6
- Applications in hand - 208
- Preplanning applications – 31
- Appeals to An Bord Pleanála - 3

## Planning, Human Resources, Communications, Information Systems, Corporate Affairs & Architectural Services



CATHERINE McCONNELL

#### ARCHITECTS

- Tenders received for housing schemes for Rehins Fort, 50 units.
- Letter of Intent issued for construction contract for Crossmolina Fire Station.

#### Heritage

- Funding secured under the Community Monuments Fund for 4 projects: 17 Community Groups awarded funding under Mayo County Council Community Heritage Grant Scheme.

#### Parks

- Funding of €130k secured for protection of the endangered Great yellow bee on the Belmullet peninsula.

#### PROPERTY

- Transfer of Land at Golf Course Road.
- Upgrade/replace water services and other works at Croagh Patrick centre.
- Site investigation Works Phase 3 Westport Industrial Estate - procurement completed.
- Preparation of digital register.

#### INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Completion of long-standing project at HSE water tower that improves Wide Area Network (WAN) connectivity for ~200 users serviced from that site.
- HIS participation on national panel at the annual CIO Summit.
- 707 calls to the helpdesk completed last month.

#### DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Company CRM Project Ongoing.
- Enghouse Customer Contact Centre - Ongoing
- Planning Digitisation Project.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

**Public Information Daily Updates:** ▪ Traffic Disruption ▪ Water disruption ▪ Local Authority Recruitment ▪ Covid-19 Public Health updates.

**Publications** – Design and Delivery of Annual report 2020.

**Key Digital Campaigns:** ▪ Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) ▪ Outdoor seating & accessories for tourism & hospitality grant ▪ #Leave No Trace while visiting Mayo ▪ Funding & Grants (Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Community Enhancement Programme,

**Oifig na Gaeilge** ▪ Attending online meetings for Bailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta regarding Castlebar to finalise plan.

**Road Safety Awareness:** ▪ 'Life-saving' children stickers aim to increase Achill road safety ▪ Tips for a Headache free staycation road trip ▪ Don't be slow in looking back ▪ Bored Boy racers turning our roads into a 'race track',

#### LIBRARY

- Decade of Centenaries programme ongoing throughout county.
- Repair works carried out in Ballyhaunis and Castlebar libraries.
- Cruinniú festival took place throughout county on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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- Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning & Marine SPC meeting took place on 22nd June
- Community, Tourism & Food SPC meeting took place on 25th June.

### Dates to Note

- 15<sup>th</sup> July: Entering The USA: A Guide for Irish Scale-Ups: online event

## Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOHN MAGEE



### Enterprise & Investment Unit

- The LEO Client Stimulus Scheme continues to be rolled out. 52 businesses received funding of €252,692 under the Scheme
- The Mayo Food and Drink Network held its inaugural networking event on Tuesday 29th June online
- Mentoring sessions and training programmes continue to be rolled out online including a webinar on Entering The USA: A Guide for Irish Scale-Ups, which will take place online on 15th July.

### Strategic Capital Projects

- Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme 2021: Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme. Co-ordination of application and submission for Westport completed.
- Town & Village Renewal 2021: 30 expressions evaluated & 8 applications now being prepared for submission to DRCD.
- Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) third call for category 2. Killala, Knock SDZ and Belmullet being prepared for submission.

### Community, Arts, Sports & Childcare

- €187,000 Dormant Account Funding has been allocated to Mayo Sports Partnership Projects including Community Sports Hubs, Urban Adventure Initiatives, Innovation Walking with Poles Project, Sports Disability Equipment and Volunteer Education & Training.
- Creative Ireland Cultural Diversity Curatorial Award & Film Awards – ‘I am What I am’ exhibition opened in Ballina Arts Centre on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Funding has been obtained to deliver a National Play Day initiative on 8<sup>th</sup> July in Mayo. Support has also been provided to purchase play equipment for children with disabilities, Travellers, children in resettled communities and in Direct Provision services.
- The County Childcare Committee continues to provide intensive guidance and supports to services in crisis management as required.

### Tourism

- Work progressing on the establishment of a new biking experience – Clew Bay Bike Trail – in collaboration with Fáilte Ireland, local Ferry Operators and Bike Hire Providers in the Clew Bay area.
- A new two-part documentary on Mayo’s Historic Houses and Gardens (a collaborative initiative between Atlantic Media Productions and MCC) will be broadcast on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> on Sky Showcase Channel 191.
- Work underway on the development of Greenways at Foxford, Achill Sound, Saile, Turlough and planning for Westport/Cong Trail, Moorehall Masterplan and Ceide Coastal Path.
- Presentation and Discussion on proposed National Strategy on Outdoor Recreation at Community, Tourism & Food SPC.



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## Financial Management & Motor Tax

PETER DUGGAN



Mayo County Council

### 1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2021 Adopted Budget Five months ended 31st May 2021

APPENDIX A  
FINANCIAL REVIEW July 2021

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE			% Spent 2021	INCOME			
		Exp. To Date May-21	Budget 2021	Remaining 2021		Inc. To Date May-21	Budget 2021	Not Rec'd 2021	
A	Housing and Building	7,445,748	19,682,822	12,237,074	38%	7,531,939	19,831,762	12,199,823	38%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	10,705,858	47,892,469	37,186,611	22%	5,699,082	40,820,501	35,121,419	14%
C	Water Services	5,596,612	16,726,566	11,139,954	33%	7,079,410	20,253,755	13,174,345	35%
D	Development Management	6,865,218	13,859,093	7,193,875	48%	2,821,215	4,187,315	1,566,100	63%
E	Environmental Services	6,361,310	16,396,884	10,035,574	39%	2,078,624	5,744,900	3,666,276	36%
F	Recreation and Amenity	4,065,280	10,724,014	6,658,754	38%	462,717	3,386,330	2,923,613	14%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	742,061	1,954,527	1,212,466	38%	253,594	588,280	334,678	43%
H	Miscellaneous Services	4,557,596	11,488,138	6,930,542	40%	5,083,269	7,213,963	2,120,694	71%
J	Central Management Charges	8,518,440	20,444,108	11,925,668	42%	681,506	1,500,000	839,494	44%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	14,481,810	34,784,930	20,303,120	42%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	8,890,377	20,659,905	12,166,528	42%
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>54,648,104</b>	<b>159,168,621</b>	<b>104,520,517</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>54,753,533</b>	<b>159,168,621</b>	<b>104,415,088</b>	<b>34%</b>

### 2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection May-21	Collected May-21	Arrears May-21	% Collected
Rents	4,378,790	3,081,609	1,297,181	70%
Rates	43,043,386	12,275,659	30,767,726	29%
Housing Loans	2,180,479	1,355,094	825,385	62%

### 3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	Estimated interest incurred
0	4,164