

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012



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MISSION STATEMENT



“We work to improve the quality of life for people living in Mayo and enhance the attractiveness of the County as a place in which to live, work, invest in and enjoy”.

MESSAGE FROM CATHAOIRLEACH AND COUNTY MANAGER



*Mr. Cyril Burke
Cathaoirleach*



*Mr. Peter Hynes
County Manager*

Details of Mayo County Council's activities during 2012 are contained in this report. In keeping with the trend in recent years, Mayo County Council has striven to maintain and improve services for our people despite the reduction in resources available to the Council. This report shows that we have succeeded in this objective. Our success is due in no small measure to the co-operation which exists between elected Council, Management and all of the Council's employees. Everybody has been doing more for less in order to ensure the best possible outcome for the people of the County.

As the present downturn comes to an end, the efficiencies which have been achieved in recent years will help the Council to maximise every possible benefit which the upturn will bring for the people of our County.

MEMBERS OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Electoral Areas



Ballina Electoral Area



**Cllr. Gerry Ginty
(NP)**



**Cllr. John O'Hara
(FG)**



**Cllr. Jarlath Munnelly
(FG)**



**Cllr. Annie May Reape
(FF)**



**Cllr. Eddie Staunton
(FG)**



**Cllr. Seamus Weir
(FG)**

Castlebar Electoral Area



**Cllr. Cyril Burke
(FG)**



**Cllr. Frank Durcan
(NP)**



**Cllr. Blackie K. Gavin
(FF)**



**Cllr. Henry Kenny
(FG)**



**Cllr. Michael Kilcoyne
(NP)**



**Cllr. Eugene McCormack
(FG)**



**Cllr. Al McDonnell
(FF)**

Claremorris Electoral Area



**Cllr. Michael Burke
(FG)**



**Cllr. Tom Connolly
(FG)**



**Cllr. John Cribbin
(FG)**



**Cllr. Richard Finn
(NP)**



**Cllr. Patsy O'Brien
(FG)**



**Cllr. Damien Ryan
(FF)**

Belmullet Electoral Area



**Cllr. Rose Conway-Walsh
(SF)**



**Cllr. Gerry Coyle
(FG)**



**Cllr. Michael Holmes
(NP)**



**Cllr. Micheál McNamara
(FF)**

Swinford Electoral Area



**Cllr. Eugene Lavin
(FG)**



**Cllr. Jimmy Maloney
(FF)**



**Cllr. Joe Mellett
(FG)**



**Cllr. Gerry Murray
(SF)**

Westport Electoral Area



**Cllr. Margaret Adams
(FF)**



**Cllr. Peter Flynn
(FG)**



**Cllr. Austin F. O'Malley
(FG)**



**Cllr. John O'Malley
(FG)**

BACKGROUND

Local Government in Ireland provides a forum for the democratic representation of local communities promotes community interests and provides important services such as housing, roads, water and sewerage and planning.

Mayo Local Authorities are made up of two parts - the Elected Members and the Executive (The Management and Staff). 31 Members were elected to Mayo County Council and 9 Members to each of the Town Councils, namely Ballina, Castlebar and Westport in June 2009. The Members perform the **RESERVED FUNCTIONS**, which broadly equate with the making of policy and include:

- Approval of Corporate Plan
- Adopting the Annual Budget of the Council
- Making of a Development Plan under Planning Legislation
- Adopting a Scheme of Letting Priorities for the Allocation of Local Authority Housing

The County Manager is appointed to the position following an open competition by the Local Appointments Commission. The Manager performs the **EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS** by way of Managers Order. These functions relate to day-to-day administration and include:

- Letting of Houses
- Planning Decisions
- Management of Human Resources

In practice there is much consultation in the performance of the reserved and executive functions.

The functions of Mayo Local Authorities are classified under eight programme groups:

- Housing & Building
- Road Transportation & Safety
- Water Supply & Sewerage
- Development Incentives & Control
- Environmental Protection
- Recreation & Amenity
- Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare
- Miscellaneous Services

The expenditure of Mayo Local Authorities can be classified under two headings:

Revenue Expenditure which is day to day spending on the provision of services. The main sources of funding for this expenditure are:

- Government Grants and Subsidies
- Commercial Rates
- Fees and Charges for Services

Capital Expenditure is expenditure on the creation of an asset, e.g. construction of houses, water and sewerage schemes and major road works. The main sources of funding for this expenditure are:

- Capital Grants from Central Government
- Borrowings
- Other Capital Receipts

The annual report is an outline of the main programmes, services and other activities undertaken by the Council in 2012.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

SPC	COUNCILLORS	REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSING	Cllr. John Cribbin, Chair Cllr. Eddie Staunton Cllr. Gerry Coyle Cllr. Brendan Heneghan Cllr. Annie May Reape Cllr. Frank Durcan Cllr. Gerry Ginty	Kieran Mulhern, Community Forum Francis Brennan, Community Forum Padraig Heverin, ICTU Helena McElmeel, Chambers of Commerce
CULTURAL, EDUCATION, HERITAGE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS	Cllr. Al McDonnell, Chair Cllr. Peter Flynn Cllr. Eugene McCormack Cllr. Joseph Mellett Cllr. Peter Clarke Cllr. Margaret Adams Cllr. Cyril Burke	Mary G. Duffy, Community Forum P.J. Lynn, Community Forum, Tony Deffely, ICTU Joe Queenan, Chambers of Commerce
ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION	Cllr. Jarlath Munnely, Chair Cllr. Gerry Coyle Cllr. Patsy O'Brien Cllr. Ollie Gannon Cllr. Michael Holmes Cllr. Jimmy Maloney Cllr. Blackie Gavin	Stephen Meenaghan, Community Forum Eddie Lavelle, ICTU Margaret Tallot, Environmental Pillar Brian Bourke, Chambers of Commerce
WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE	Cllr. Tom Connolly, Chair Cllr. Eugene Lavin Cllr. Austin Francis O'Malley Cllr. Johnny O'Malley Cllr. John O'Malley Cllr. Blackie Gavin Cllr. Rose Conway-Walsh	James O'Malley, Community Forum Brendan O'Mahony, IFA Lucy Weir Bingham, Environmental Pillar Ray Gilboy, Chambers of Commerce

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES	Cllr. Eugene McCormack, Chair Cllr. John O’Hara Cllr. Michael Burke, Cllr. Ger Deere, Cllr. Al McDonnell, Cllr. Damien Ryan, Cllr. Gerry Murray	Seamus McCormack, Community Forum Mary Muldoon, Environmental Pillar John O’Donnell, IFA Patricia Calleary, Chambers of Commerce
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND AGRICULTURE	Cllr. Peter Flynn, Chair Cllr. Seamus Weir, Cllr. Myles Staunton, Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cllr. Micheál McNamara, Cllr. Richard Finn, Cllr. Michael Kilcoyne	Johnny Groden, Community Forum Michael Biggins, IFA Margaret Leahy, Environmental Pillar Billy Heffron, Chambers of Commerce

The policy making function of the Council is supported by a system of Strategic Policy Committees (SPC’s) which consists of elected members and sectoral representatives, who formulate policy recommendations for consideration by the Council.

Each SPC comprises of seven Councillors and four sectoral representatives, working together in a more participative form of democracy, thereby providing a more effective policy focus on the functions and activities carried out by Mayo County Council.

Each SPC is supported in its work by a Director of Services. While each SPC formulates and develops policy, the final decisions rest ultimately with the full Council. Mayo County Council has six Strategic Policy Committees.

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

The Housing SPC comprises of the following members:

Cllr. John Cribben, Chair, Cllr. Eddie Staunton, Cllr. Gerry Coyle,
Cllr. Brendan Heneghan, Cllr. Annie May Reape, Cllr. Frank Durcan, Cllr. Gerry Ginty
Mr. Kieran Mulhern and Mr. Francis Brennan, Mayo County Community Forum
Mr. Pdraig Heverin, Trade Union Pillar Representative
Ms. Helena McElmeel, Business Pillar Representative

The Housing SPC held a number of meetings throughout the year. Topics discussed included:

- Department Housing Policy Statement
- Housing Capital Allocation / Programme

- Voluntary Housing Code of Practice
- Mortgage Arrears Resolution Policy (MARP)
- Housing Grants review
- Radon Testing
- Septic Tank Registration process

Cultural, Education, Heritage & Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee

Under the Chairmanship of Cllr. Al McDonnell and the Directorship of Mr. Joe Loftus, the Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee held four meetings during 2012.

During 2012, the following issues were considered by the SPC members, including:

- Update on Student Grants for 2012/13.
- To consider request from Ballina Town Council for Mayo County Council to erect a monument to the memory of Dr. Kathleen Lynn, Chief Medical Officer of the Irish Citizen Army during Easter Week, 1916, on the site of the said Dr. Lynn's birthplace at Mullafarry, Killala.
- Policy Actions in 2012.
- Recommendation that Mayo County Council refer the following Committee Policy Action for 2012 "*That the latter half of the last century should be researched and recorded as a continuation of the 1940 schools research project for County Mayo,*" to the County Development Board, as a prioritised action, for implementation by the County Community Forum.
- Commemoration Strategy
- Mayo Biodiversity Publication
- Mayo Hedgerow Booklet; and
- Mayo Heritage Plan.
- Update on Books Programme.
- Recommendation to Mayo County Council that provision be included in 2013 for Awards for Outstanding Persons.
- Mayo's Built Heritage Calendar, 2013.
- Recommendation to Mayo County Council that a contribution of €5,000 be provided in Budget 2013 towards the Mayo Fleadh which is due to take place in Swinford.
- Grant assistance to Arts Centres in Mayo.
- Work Plan, 2013.

Road Transportation and Safety Strategic Policy Committee

The Strategic Policy Committee met on five occasions in 2012. The Committee considered and dealt with the following issues amongst others:

- National Roads Programme for the County
- Non National Roads Programme
- Road Safety
- Machinery Yard
- Walking Routes and Greenway
- Velocity/Tar Patching Unit
- Winter Maintenance Plan

Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee

The goal of this SPC is to provide access to the people of Mayo to the best possible water services throughout a process of continued improvement in service delivery. The Members of the Water Supply & Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee are as follows:

Cllr. Tom Connolly (Chair), Cllr. Eugene Lavin, Cllr. Austin Francis O'Malley, Cllr. John O'Malley, Cllr. Johnnie O'Malley, Cllr. Blackie Gavin, Cllr. Rose Conway Walsh.

Mr. Brendan O'Mahony, IFA

Ms. Lucy Weir Bingham, Environmental Pillar Representative

Mr. Darren McHugh, Construction Industry Federation

Four meetings of the Water Supply & Sewerage SPC were held during 2012 under the directorship of Mr. Paul Benson, A/D.O.S. These meetings were held on the 3rd February, 20th April, 4th July and 12th October, 2012.

The committee considered and dealt with the following items amongst others:

- Domestic Waste Water Treatment System Standards and Registrations
- Transfer of Water Services to Irish Water
- Water Services Investment Programme
- Rural Water Programme
- Water Fluoridation

Planning, Economic Development & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee

Four Meetings of the Planning, Economic Development and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting were held during 2012.

At the February meeting Mr. Alan McHugh of Eirgrid, and Mr. Michael Garrick, Tobin Engineers, gave a presentation on the development of the Gridwest High Voltage 400

K.V. line which is one of the largest projects in Area 25. Construction is managed by the ESB and should be completed by 2019.

A presentation was also made at the February meeting by Mr. Iain Douglas, Senior Planner, regarding the submission on the draft framework for sustainable development.

The Development Plan Programme was adopted at the February meeting.

Topics discussed at the June meeting of the SPC included:

- The draft Community Benefits Contributions Plan, 2012
- The Local Area Plans
- New legislation regarding Quarries
- Review of the County Development Plan.

The December meeting was attended by representatives from the Office of Public Works who gave a presentation on the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment Management. Mr. Iain Douglas, Senior Planner, outlined the role of local government in the process for the Western CFRAM.

Topics also addressed at the December meeting included:

- Unfinished estates
- Taking in charge of Estates
- Development Plan
- Telecommunications antennae and support structures guidelines.

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

This committee comprises of elected members and members of the business and farming communities. The Committee met on 4 occasions in 2012 and discussed the following:

- ‘GridWest Project’ led by Eirgrid for development and operation of national electricity transmission system
- Draft bye laws for Regulation of Burial Grounds
- Briefing from representatives from Dept. of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources and from representatives of *No Fracking Ireland* umbrella group in relation to hydraulic fracturing, i.e. ‘fracking’, a method used for extracting shale gas
- Draft bye-laws for Storage, Presentation & Collection of Household & Municipal Waste
- Blue Flag Beaches and resources for same

**LIST OF EXTERNAL BODIES ON WHICH MAYO COUNTY
COUNCIL ARE FORMALLY REPRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS
IN 2012**

Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees	<i>Cllr. P. O'Brien</i>
West Regional Authority	<i>Cllrs. S. Weir, E. McCormack, E. Lavin, C. Burke, D. Ryan, M. Adams, G. Murray (3 yrs) and M. Kilcoyne (2 years)</i>
EU Monitoring Committee	<i>Cllr. E. Lavin</i>
Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly	<i>Cllrs. C. Burke, E. Lavin, and D. Ryan</i>
Mayo County Enterprise Board	<i>Cllr. T. Connolly, J. Mellett, C. Burke and M. McNamara</i>
Board of the South West Mayo Development Company Ltd.	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley, P. O'Brien and M. Adams</i>
Board of Comhar Iorrais (LEADER) Teoranta	<i>Cllrs. G. Coyle and M. McNamara</i>
Board of Ballinrobe Racecourse Committee	<i>Cllrs. M. Burke and D. Ryan</i>
Board of the Linenhall Arts Centre, Castlebar	<i>Cllr. E. McCormack</i>
Board of the Fr. Patrick Peyton CSC Memorial Company Ltd.	<i>Cllrs. J. O'Hara and A.M. Reape</i>
Board of Ballina Arts Events Ltd.	<i>Cllr. S. Weir and A. M. Reape</i>
Board of the Custom House Studios Ltd., Westport	<i>Cllr. John O'Malley and M. Adams</i>
GMIT Castlebar Liaison Committee	<i>Cllr. H. Kenny</i>
Board of Belderrig Research and Study Centre	<i>Cllrs. J. Munnely and A. McDonnell</i>
Consultative Committee of Knock International Airport	<i>Cllrs. J. Mellett and J. Maloney</i>
Board of Directors of Clare Lake Development Committee	<i>Cllr. T. Connolly</i>
Board of Maghu's Castle / Kiltimagh Indoor Fun Park	<i>Cllrs. E. Lavin and J. Maloney</i>
Board of Foxford Railway Station Restoration Society	<i>Cllrs. J. Mellett, E. Lavin, J. Maloney and A. McDonnell</i>
Board of Lacken Sports and Recreation Centre	<i>Cllrs. J. Munnely and M. McNamara</i>
Board of Knockmore / Rathduff Recreation and Resource Centre	<i>Cllrs. S. Weir and A. M. Reape</i>
County Tourism Committee	<i>Cllr. John O'Malley</i>

County Councils' General Council now known as Association of County and City Councils	<i>Cllrs. P. Flynn, John O'Malley and J. Maloney</i>
Board of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Company Limited, Dublin	<i>Cllr. M. Burke</i>
Local Authority Members Association	<i>Cllr. C. Burke</i>
Western Inter-County Railway Committee	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley, P. O'Brien, T. Connolly, P. Flynn and D. Ryan</i>
Local County Rural Water Monitoring Committee	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley, P. O'Brien and A. McDonnell</i>
County Mayo Heritage Forum	<i>Cllrs. E. Staunton, J. Munnely, E. McCormack, M. Burke, M. Adams and M. Holmes</i>
Ballycastle (Mayo) Enterprises Limited	<i>Cllrs. G. Coyle, J. Munnely, M. McNamara and R. Conway-Walsh</i>
Louisburgh Holidays Plc.	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley, John O'Malley and M. Adams</i>
Belcarra Community Centre	<i>Cllrs. C. Burke, E. McCormack and A. McDonnell</i>
Claremorris Swimming Pool Committee	<i>Cllrs. T. Connolly, P. O'Brien, D. Ryan and R. Finn</i>
Castlebar Sports Complex Limited	<i>Cllrs. E. McCormack and B.K. Gavin</i>
Claremorris Sports Complex Limited	<i>Cllrs. T. Connolly, P. O'Brien and D. Ryan</i>
Swinford Sports Complex Limited	<i>Cllr. J. Mellett and J. Maloney</i>
Crossmolina Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. E. Staunton, S. Weir and A.M. Reape</i>
Charlestown Swimming Pool and Recreational Company Limited	<i>Cllrs. E. Lavin and J. Maloney</i>
Kiltimagh Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. J. Mellett, E. Lavin, J. Maloney and R. Finn</i>
Ballintubber Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. C. Burke, H. Kenny and A. McDonnell</i>
Cushlough Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley and M. Adams</i>
Castlebar Swimming Pool Advisory Committee	<i>Cllrs. E. McCormack, C. Burke, H. Kenny, B.K. Gavin and A. McDonnell</i>
Ballina Swimming Pool Advisory Committee	<i>Cllrs. S. Weir and A. M. Reape</i>
Lecanvey Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley and M. Adams</i>

Barnacarroll and Cuiltibo Enterprises Limited	<i>Cllrs. T. Connolly, E. Lavin and D. Ryan</i>
Killasser Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. J. Mellett and J. Maloney</i>
Westport Sports Complex	<i>Cllrs. John O'Malley and M. Adams</i>
Michael Davitt Museum	<i>Cllrs. H. Kenny and A. McDonnell</i>
Manulla Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. C. Burke and B.K. Gavin</i>
Sportlann, Ballinrobe	<i>Cllrs. M. Burke and D. Ryan</i>
Killala Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. J. Munnely and A.M. Reape</i>
Aughagower Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. John O'Malley and M. Adams</i>
Comhlucht Forbartha Bheal An Mhuirthid Teo	<i>Cllrs. G. Coyle and M. McNamara</i>
Louisburgh Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. A.F. O'Malley and M. Adams</i>
Bonniconlon Community Centre Limited	<i>Cllrs. S. Weir and A.M. Reape</i>
Ballinrobe Enterprise Limited	<i>Cllrs. M. Burke and D. Ryan</i>
Co. Mayo Vocational Education Committee	<i>Cllrs. J. Munnely, E. Staunton, A.F. O'Malley, P. O'Brien, J. O'Hara, T. Connolly, M. McNamara, B.K. Gavin and R. Finn</i>
Governing Authority, National University of Galway, Ireland	<i>Cllr. M. Burke</i>
Regional Health Forum, West	<i>Cllrs. T. Connolly, S. Weir, A.F. O'Malley and A.M. Reape</i>
Mayo Local Sports Partnership	<i>Cllrs. H. Kenny and B.K. Gavin</i>
Mayo Energy Agency Limited	<i>Cllr. E. McCormack</i>
Board of Fionntar Comhraic Teoranta	<i>Cllrs. G. Coyle, E. Staunton, M. McNamara and M. Holmes</i>
Western River Basin District Advisory Council	<i>Cllrs. John O'Malley and J. Maloney</i>
Shannon River Basin District Advisory Council	<i>Cllrs. T. Connolly and B.K. Gavin</i>
Board of Comhar na nOileán Teo	<i>Cllr. H. Kenny</i>
Board of Mayo North East Leader Partnership Company Teoranta	<i>Cllrs. S. Weir, E. Staunton and J. Maloney</i>
Abbey Trust, Ballyhaunis	<i>Cllrs. J. Cribbin and D. Ryan</i>

SERVICE INDICATORS

(Extracts from National Reports)

Fire Service

F1: Fire Service Mobilisation

A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	0
B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire	5.74
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	0
D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	5.87

F2: Percentage of attendances at scenes

A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	38.49
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	49.03
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	12.47
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	38.55
E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	50.18
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	11.27
- Total number of incidents in respect of fire	465
- Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	179
- Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	228
- Number of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	58
- Total number of incidents in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire)	275
- Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	106
- Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	138
- Number of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	31

F3: Fire Prevention

A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	79
B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	71
C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	3

Community Participation**CP1: Participation in local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Og scheme**

- Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	31.58
- Total number of local schools and youth groups	95
- Number of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og scheme	30

CP2: Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum

- Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	800
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Corporate Issues**C1: Working Days lost to Sickness**

A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	4.47
B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.54

- Number of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	10225
- Number of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	1225
Total number of or staff (whole time equivalent) at the end of December 2010 (as per DEHLG staffing return for the end of 2010) N14	1006.73

C2: Staff Training and Development

- Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll	5.4
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Environmental Services

WATER

E.1 Unaccounted For Water

- Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	48.81
- Total volume of water supplied (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	55762
- Volume of unaccounted for water (m3/per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	27218

E.2 Drinking Water Analysis

A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes	
B. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to private schemes (where appropriate)	

WASTE MANAGEMENT

E.3 Waste Segregation

A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	97.53
B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	18.93
- Total number of households provided with a waste collection service	26877
- Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for recyclables	26212
- Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics	5089

E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling

A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	27.57
B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	8917
C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	5442
- Total tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside	32388
- Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	8917

- Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	23241
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E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill

A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	72.43
B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	23421

- Total tonnage of household waste collected	32338
- Tonnage of household waste which is sent to landfill	23241

E6: Recycling Facilities

- The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	100
- The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area	2

Glass

A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	100
B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2
C. The total number of facilities for recycling	102
D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	

- The number of Bring Sites for recycling	100
- The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

Cans

E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	100
F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2
G. The total number of facilities for recycling	102
H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	

- The number of Bring Sites for recycling	100
- The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

Textiles

I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	54
J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

K. The total number of facilities for recycling	56
L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	

- The number of Bring Sites for recycling	54
- The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

Batteries

M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	1
N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2
O. The total number of facilities for recycling	3
P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	

- The number of Bring Sites for recycling	1
- The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

Oils

Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2
S. The total number of facilities for recycling	2
T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	

- The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
- The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

Other materials

U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2
W. The total number of facilities for recycling	2
X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	

- The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
- The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	2

LITTER**E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement**

A. Number of full-time litter wardens	1
B. Number of part-time litter wardens	12
C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population	
D. Number of on-the-spot fines issued	82
E. Number of on-the-spot fines paid	37
F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	2
G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	1
H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	0
I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	2
J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	1
K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	
L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	
M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	
N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	
O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	

- Number of full-time litter wardens	1
- Number of part-time litter wardens	12
- Number of on-the-spot fines issued	82
- Number of on-the-spot fines paid	37
- Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	2
- Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	1
- Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	0
- Number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	2
- Number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	1

E8: Environmental Complaints and Enforcement

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	956
B. Number of complaints investigated	558
C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	722
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	380

E9: Percentage of schools participating in environmental campaigns

A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	85.8
B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	96.3

- Total number of primary schools	176
- Number of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	151
- Total number of secondary schools	27
- Number of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	26

H: Housing

H1: Housing Vacancies

A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	2142
B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	2103
C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	6.61
D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	50.36
E. The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	49.64

- The average number of dwellings in local authority stock	2142
- The average number of dwellings excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	2103
- The average number of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	139
- The average number of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	70
- The average number of empty dwellings available for letting	69

H2: Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings

- The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	26
- The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	16

H3: Housing Repairs

- Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	88.81
- The number of repairs completed	1826
- The number of valid repair requests received	2056

H4: Traveller Accommodation

- Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	200
- Number of Traveller families accommodated	30
- Target number of Traveller families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the local Traveller accommodation programme	15

H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector

A. Total number of registered tenancies	4023
B. Number of dwelling units inspected	387
C. Number of inspections carried out	387
D. Number of dwellings inspected as a percentage of registered tenancies i.e. B as percentage of A)	9.62

- Total number of registered tenancies	4023
- Number of dwelling units inspected	387
- Number of inspections carried out	387

H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability

A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	31
B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	25

H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses

A. Total number of new local authority tenants	84
B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	115.48

- Total number of new local authority tenants	84
- Number of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	97

L: Library Services**L1: Library Public Opening Hours**

A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	37.2
B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	17.9
C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	100
D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	100
E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	100

- Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	37.2
- Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	17.9
- Number of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	4
- Number of full time libraries that have evening openings	4
- Number of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	4

L2: Library Visits

- Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	2415.51
- Total number of visits to full-time libraries	315350

L3: Library Stock

A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	1.01
B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	4.13
C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	0.64

- Annual expenditure on stock	131459
- Total number of books issued	539418
- Total number of other items issued	83104

L4: Internet Access through Libraries

- Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	507.22
- Total number of Internet sessions provided	66218

M: Motor Taxation (Information is submitted directly to LGCSB)

M1: Number of Motor Tax Transactions

A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	
B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	
C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	
D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	
E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	
F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	

M2: Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications

A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	
B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	
C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	
D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	
E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	
F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	
G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	
H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	

M3: Time Taken to Process Driving License Applications

A. Number of Driving License applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	
B. Number of Driving License applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	
C. Number of Driving License applications which are dealt with on the Fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	
D. Number of Driving License applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	
E. Percentage of overall driving License applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	
F. Percentage of overall driving License applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	
G. Percentage of overall driving License applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	
H. Percentage of overall driving License applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	

M4: Public opening hours

- Average number of opening hours per week	27.5
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P: Planning

P1: Planning Applications - Decision Making Individual Houses

A. Number of applications decided	291
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	103
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	165
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	23
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	72
F. Percentage of applications granted	91.41
G. Percentage of applications refused	8.59
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

- Number of applications decided	291
- Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	103
- Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	165
- Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	23
- Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	72
- Number of applications granted	266
- Number of applications refused	25
- Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	8
- Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

New Housing Development

A. Number of applications decided	6
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	3

C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	3
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	77
F. Percentage of applications granted	66.67
G. Percentage of applications refused	33.33
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	50
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	50

- Number of applications decided	6
- Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	3
- Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	3
- Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	0
- Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	77
- Number of applications granted	4
- Number of applications refused	2
- Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	1
- Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	1

Other: not requiring Environment Impact Assessment

A. Number of applications decided	425
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	240
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	178
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	8
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	72
F. Percentage of applications granted	96.24
G. Percentage of applications refused	3.76

H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	96.55
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	3.45

- Number of applications decided	425
- Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	240
- Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	178
- Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	8
- Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	72
- Number of applications granted	409
- Number of applications refused	16
- Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	28
- Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	1

Other: requiring Environment Impact Assessment

A. Number of applications decided	6
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	0
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	5
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	88
F. Percentage of applications granted	100
G. Percentage of applications refused	0
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

- Number of applications decided	6
- Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	0
- Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	5

- Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and development Act 2000	1
- Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	88
- Number of applications granted	6
- Number of applications refused	0
- Number of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	1
- Number of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

P2: Planning Enforcement

A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	186
B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	57
C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	38
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	100
E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	22
F. Number of prosecutions	2

P3: Planning Public opening hours

- Average number of opening hours per week	35
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P4: Pre-Planning Consultation

A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	1825
B. Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	7

P5: New Buildings inspected

- Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	18.66
- Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority	268
- Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected	50

P6: Taking Estates in Charge

A- The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	38
B- Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	5
C- Number of dwellings in respect of column B	202

D- Percentage of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	76.32
E- Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	4
F- Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	2

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- Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	5
- Total number of dwellings in these estates	202
- Number of estates in column A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	29
- Number of estates in column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	4
- Number of estates in column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	2

Rec: Recreational Services

Rec.1: Children's Playgrounds

A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	
B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	

A. Number of children's playgrounds directly provided by the local authority	63
B. Number of children's playgrounds facilitated by the local authority	64

Rec.2: Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities

- Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	
- Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities	235461

Rev: Revenue Collection

Rev.1: House Rent

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	81.02%
B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	5.59%
C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	3.25%
D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	4.95%
E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	86.22%

Amount due at year end from House Rent	6665796
Amount collected at year end from House Rent	5400598
Amount of arrears at year end from House Rent	1265197
Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	70739
Number of arrears on Housing Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	41070
Number of arrears on Housing Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	62537
Number of arrears on Housing Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	1090851

Rev.2: Housing Loans

A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	57.66%
B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	1.06%
C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	0.91%
D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	1.43%
E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	96.60%

- Amount due at year end from Housing Loans	4852333
- Amount collected at year end from Housing Loans	2798092
- Amount of arrears at year end from Housing Loans	2054247
- Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	21794
- Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	18659
- Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	29385
- Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	1984409

Rev.3: Commercial Rates

- Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	75.00%
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Rev.4: Refuse Charges

- Percentage of households paying refuse charges (including waivers) at year end	NA
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Rev.5: Non-Domestic Water Charges

- Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	50
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R: Roads**R1: Road Restoration Programme**

- Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	352
- Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	2.41

MAYO COUNTY ENTERPRISE BOARD

During 2012 Mayo County Enterprise Board Limited continued to provide an integrated range of supports to small and micro-enterprises. Key supports included financial support (mostly in the form of grants) and a wide variety of soft support interventions. The Board continued with its policy of tailoring support to meet the needs of clients at various stages of their development and introducing new programmes in response to the changing needs of its client base.

Selective Financial Intervention

Since it was established in 1993 Mayo County Enterprise Board has approved just over €9.76 million in grant aid in favour of some 695 micro-enterprises throughout the County. To-date over €8.29 million has been paid out by the Board.

The provision of this support has assisted micro enterprises within the County in the creation of 1,151 full-time and 424 part time jobs, as revealed in the annual employment survey undertaken in November 2012.

During 2012 a total of €362,250 was approved in favour of 22 projects, with a job creating potential of 40 full-time and 4 part-time jobs. This included the sum of €15,000 which was allocated from the Refundable Aid Account.

During the same period the Board paid out a total of €201,052 in favour of 15 separate enterprises.

Entrepreneurial Development & Capacity Building

Since the County Enterprise Board was established in 1993 it has provided business and management training to 4,683 persons in County Mayo.

In 2012 Mayo County Enterprise Board received an allocation of €212,000 towards the delivery of its Soft Support Programme. This allocation has enabled the Board complete a number of programmes initiated in the year 2011 and also undertake an extensive programme of training and support in 2012.

In all 421 persons availed of the business training and advisory supports provided by Mayo County Enterprise Board during 2012.



Manufacturing project supported by Mayo County Enterprise Board



Participants attending a Marketing Training Programme organised by Mayo County Enterprise Board



Participants on a Start Your Own Business Training Programme organised by Mayo County Enterprise Board

Student Enterprise

Mindful of the fact that today's students are tomorrow's potential entrepreneurs the Mayo County Enterprise Board continues to be proactive in terms of promoting entrepreneurship at school level.

The Board delivered the National Student Enterprise Awards Programme in all 26 second level schools within County Mayo. In all 1,133 second level students participated in the programme.

Ninety five students from ten schools participated in the Mayo County Final for the right to represent Mayo in the National Student Enterprise Awards finals which were held in Croke Park.

Our representatives in the National Finals were St. Louis Community School, Kiltimagh in the Senior Category, Our Lady's Secondary School, Belmullet in the Junior and Coláiste Chómáin, Rosport in the Intermediate Category.



Students from Our Lady's Secondary School, Belmullet at Mayo County Final of Student Enterprise Awards

Some of the highlights of the work carried out by Mayo County Development Board in 2012 include:

- Launch of the EU-funded *Rural Alliances* project by Minister Phil Hogan. The project seeks to build relationships between the needs of local communities and potential entrepreneurial solutions. Local communities and rural enterprises will work together in new Alliances to generate new business opportunities to safeguard and improve rural services. Since the launch a series of communities are now working through the project to build these new Alliances;
- The delivery of a further series of actions to address key issues affecting the 'youth-at-risk' group, which was identified by the Social Inclusion Measures Working Group (SIMWG) as a priority;
- The further development of the Mayo Science & Technology Festival, which continues to grow in stature.



2012 Mayo Science & Technology Festival



The Mayo Ideas Lab continued its work in the areas of supporting the innovation agenda with local industry, local animation, product development support, assistance with R&D funding applications, etc. Key Ideas Lab priorities in 2012 included:

- The further roll-out of the idea evaluation service, which has secured the support of all of the agencies operating in the Enterprise support sector;
- The 3rd annual Mayo Ideas Week, which included events on opportunities in the health, medical devices, food, adventure tourism and marine sectors. There was also an important event on innovation and a series of networking opportunities;
- GMIT Higher Certificate in Business in Enterprise;
- Entrepreneurship in Education project;
- New Opportunities Roadshows;
- Digital Media Training;
- Engineers Week events

COMMUNITY AND INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

The *Community & Integrated Development Directorate* of Mayo County Council provides a range of significant and innovative interventions and services within the Local Government system. The section promotes and facilitates inclusive and integrated development and empowers communities through the promotion of new approaches to Community Development and community involvement. Community & Integrated Development also leads and facilitates the *County Development Board (CDB)* process on behalf of the Council and the Interdepartmental Government Task Force on Local Integration.

Some of the highlights of the areas of work covered by the Community and Integrated Development Directorate in 2012 included:

- The roll out of the *Community Gain Investment Fund*, established following a decision by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the Corrib Gas Project. Significant consultation with the local communities and with relevant stakeholders was carried out and the first tranche of applications were accepted and assessed. This resulted in the allocation of over €2m to a wide variety of projects affecting the Cill Chomain area;
- The delivery of a programme of activities with Comhairle na n-Óg, which meets regularly at the same time as the County Council. The Comhairle na n-Óg is increasingly being called on as the representative body for the views of young people. There was also representation from Comhairle na n-Óg at the national Dáil na n-Óg;
- The ongoing roll-out of the Fiontar Chomhraic Fund which was established as a response to the closure of the ESB power station at Bellacorick. There has been significant interest in the Fund which aims to stimulate enterprise development in areas affected by the closure;
- The continued roll out of the Community Futures Initiative which has now delivered development plans to a total of 24 communities. An evaluation of the Initiative was also begun;
- One of the key County Community Forum initiatives in 2012 was their input to the ongoing work of the Music Education Partnership. The Community Forum was successful in securing funding from South West Mayo Development Company under the LEADER programme to develop a Community Instrument Bank. This resource will allow children to borrow a variety of musical instruments that they may otherwise not have access to;
- The development of the *Genio* project in Mayo which works to develop a Dementia Friendly Community. The local consortium is made up of statutory, community and voluntary organisations and family carers/persons with dementia as follows: Alzheimer Society of Ireland, HSE West, GMIT, South West Mayo Development Company, the Mayo Volunteer Centre and the Local Authority. The project is based around four key themes: Early Diagnosis, Early Intervention, Alternative Community-based respite models & developing Mayo as a Dementia Friendly Community;

- Mayo County Council has embarked upon a journey to make the county more age-friendly in light of our participation in the Age-friendly County Programme which aims to create communities where all of us – as we age – enjoy a good quality of life and continue to participate fully in the life of our communities. The programme is currently being rolled out on a phased basis nationally and Mayo has joined the growing number of Local Authorities who are involved. Ensuring the success of the programme will require a change in how we think about ageing and how we collaborate and plan to deliver improvements in supports and services as a result.

MAYO ENTERPRISE AND INVESTMENT UNIT

Mayo Enterprise & Investment Unit (EIU) was established in Mayo County Council in December 2012. The objective of the Unit is to work with new and existing businesses and investors to deliver sustainable jobs to the County; to promote the Mayo message globally; to co-ordinate initiatives in key strategic areas; and to oversee the transition of Mayo County Enterprise Board to the new Local Enterprise Office.

The Unit is engaged in strategic efforts to bring new investment into the County and plays a key role in delivering on and co-ordinating a series of initiatives that have significant job creation potential for Mayo, including initiatives that fall under the 2013 Action Plan for Jobs. The work of the Unit is also to the forefront of delivering on the reform agenda as outlined in the Putting People First policy document.

Key areas of focus for the newly established Unit include:

- Diaspora
- Inward Investment
- Micro Enterprise
- Marine and Renewable Energy
- Telecommunications
- Tourism

The EIU is also the home for the established website project www.mayo.ie. This online initiative connecting Mayo people worldwide continues to grow since its inception two years ago and in January 2013 **Mayo.ie** was the recipient of 'The *Most Innovative Local Authority*' Award for their work on this project at the Annual LAMA awards. The website acts as a 'Home for all things Mayo' and so therefore is the ideal forum to send out a Global Mayo Message.

Mayo EIU promotes an ethos of partnership, collaboration and communication in working to deliver an achievable and sustainable vision for Mayo 2020.



WALKING AND TRAILS DEVELOPMENT

To date there are over one hundred Recreational Trails developed throughout the County. These trails were developed under the leadership of the County Mayo Walking Partnership Group – a sub committee of Mayo County Development Board. This Group consists of representatives from Local Leader Companies, Fáilte Ireland, Mayo Sports Partnership, Coillte, Teagasc, Mayo County Council, Community Forum, HSE West and Údaras na Gaeltachta. The types of trails on offer include, Long Distance Waymarked Ways, National Loop Walks, Slí na Slainte, Community Walks and Greenways.

Some of most recent developments include:

Community Trails

- Knockmore
- Titanic Trails – Lahardane
- Lacken Trails
- Drumleen Lough
- Kilasser Swinford
- Raheen Wood – Castlebar



Raheen Wood Trail



Trailhead at Raheen Wood

Lough Lannagh – Islandeady

In early 2012 a funding application was prepared and submitted to Fáilte Ireland seeking support to develop a linear trail to connect Castlebar town (Lough Lannagh) - Islandeady to eventually connect with the Westport National Cycle Network. An integral part of the project is the development of a route network which could form part of the National Cycle Network. This proposal presents an opportunity to link many of the walking trails that currently exist and to support and expand tourism potential, while at the same time maximising the existing lakeside amenities at Lough Lannagh and providing a valuable eventual connection with Westport National Cycle Network and the Great Western Greenway. Funding to the tune of €940,000 was approved by Fáilte Ireland.



Lough Lannagh



Following on from the funding approval, a Part 8 planning report was prepared and submitted to Castlebar Town Council and Mayo County Council for consideration. Approval was obtained and development work has commenced at Raheen's. Ongoing development will continue into 2013.

National Awards

Greenway is designated as a European Destination of Excellence

The Great Western Greenway is the 2011 recipient of the international European Destination of Excellence (EDEN) award. This award has firmly established the Great Western Greenway as one of the finest trails in Europe and has recognised the communities' participation and commitment to tourism and regeneration. It provides the community and in particular Mulranny Tourism with significant marketing/business supports and knowledge transfer within the EU wide EDEN network.

The Great Western Greenway has also been recipient of a number of additional awards and details are listed hereunder:

- LAMA – 2012 winner for best Recreational Facility (Great Western Greenway)
- LAMA – 2012 winner for best Tourist Attraction (Great Western Greenway)
- LAMA – nominated for Council of the Year (Great Western Greenway)
- Meitheal Award Winner 2012 – Great Western Greenway Landowners
- The Irish Times InterTradeIreland Innovation Category Award Winner 2012 – Great Western Greenway



LAMA Awards Ceremony 2012

Walk of the Week

A number of Mayo Trails have featured on many national publications, examples include walk of the week by Christopher Summerville, and this feature is published every Saturday in the Irish Independent. The following trails have been showcased Clogher Bog Loop Walk, Mulranny Loop Walk, Great Western Greenway, Erris Head in Belmullet, Carrowteige Loop Walk and the Larganmore Loop Walk located near Foxord. In 2012 the Walking Partnership Group will continue to work with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland to have as many of the Mayo Trails featured in both National and International media streams.

Mayo in Motion

The Mayo Walking Partnership Group in association with Mayo Sports Partnership facilitated an initiative to promote walking as an enjoyable way towards a healthy and active lifestyle. Over 20 communities throughout the county participated in the project which proved to be an outstanding success with people of all ages participating. A total of forty seven scheduled walks were organised and listed by community groups, workplaces and other event organisers during the month of June, most of which took part on newly established trails. All of the events were highlighted by way of advertisement in all of the local press and websites such as www.mayotrails.ie www.mayosports.ie in 2012 it is anticipated that a similar promotion will be organised.

Trade Shows

During 2012 Mayo Trails has actively participated at Trade Shows including the Bike Show, the Volvo Ocean Race and the National Ploughing Championship.



Mayo Trails Information Stand at the National Ploughing Championship

RTE Tracks & Trails

Mayo Trails and the Great Western Greenway has featured in two dedicated programmes in RTE's Tracks and Trails Series. This programme attracted over 400,000 viewers and has been very positive in attracting visitors to the County



Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin – Presenter of Tracks & Trails

ROADS TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Introduction

An efficient road transportation system provides the necessary infrastructure to support economic and social development of a region. Mayo County Council in 2012 continued to play its part in the maintenance and improvement of the road network in the County thus supporting the economy within the County.

There are 6,353 kms of roadway in the charge of Mayo County Council and in 2012 a total of €39m was spent on maintaining and improving the network.

Roads Classifications & Finances

Roads in the County are classified as National Primary; National Secondary; Regional and Local Roads. The lengths of the various categories of roads in County Mayo are as follows:

National Primary Roads	135.0kms
National Secondary Roads	271.0kms
Regional Roads	622.0kms
Local Roads	<u>5,325.0kms</u>
Total	6,353.0kms

Funding of €35.5m was received from the National Roads Authority for the National and Non National Road network. The Council itself provided €3.475m for the Road network in the year.

National Primary Roads

The grants for the **National Primary Roads** for 2012 were broken down as follows:
The grant for **National Primary Improvement Works** totalling €3,245,000 was broken down as follows:

NP Major Schemes:

N5 Turlough to Bohola	€ 300,000
N5 Westport to Bohola	<u>€ 200,000</u>
	€ 500,000

Pavement & Minor Improvement:

NP Pavement & Minor Works:

N5 Dooncastle	€ 350,000
N17 Charlestown – Kilkelly Road at Cloonturk	€ 450,000
N26 Ballina – Foxford Road at Stonehall	€ 975,000
N26 Foxford – Swinford Road at Callow & Belgarrow	<u>€ 825,000</u>
	€2,600,000

NP Safety Measures

HCL N5 Westport town	€ 10,000
Staff Regional Road Safety Engineer	€ 125,000
RSMIS N17 at Lurga	€ 10,000
	€ 145,000

The grant for **National Primary Maintenance** totalling €668,151 was broken down as follows:

Ordinary Maintenance	€ 402,734
Winter Maintenance	€ 165,000
Route Lighting	€ 90,417
Bridge Maintenance	€ 10,000
	€ 668,151

The following is a summary of the position on major schemes on the **National Roads** in County Mayo in 2010/11:

⇒ *N5 Charlestown By-pass (Swinford–RN Co. Boundary)* [18.2 kms]

This scheme has been in use since its official opening in November 2007. The allocation this year of €192,500 is in respect of outstanding land and contractual issues.

⇒ *N.26 Ballina/Bohola - Phase II* [18.4kms Dual Carriageway]

The Compulsory Purchase Order [CPO] for this scheme was rejected by An Bord Pleanala in February 2010. A Feasibility Study of the revised scheme [from Turlough to Ballina] was submitted to the NRA at the end of 2010. No grant was notified for 2011 for the N26 so substantive planning on the scheme was suspended.

⇒ *N.5 Westport to Bohola* [27kms Dual Carriageway]

The original scheme on the N5, which extended from Westport to Bohola, was reduced in length to 27 kms. because of the rejection of the N26 proposal by An Bord Pleanala.

The scheme now extends from Westport to Turlough including a new southern by-pass of Castlebar.

⇒ *N.17 Charlestown Bypass (Knock to Tobercurry)*

No grant was notified for this scheme in 2011.

⇒ *N17 Claremorris to Tuam*

This scheme is being handled by the Galway N.R.D.O. and is at C.P.O. pre-publication stage.

National Secondary Roads

The 2012 **National Secondary Improvement Grant** of €10,531,000 was primarily for pavement works and safety measures on the Secondary Network and works were undertaken at the following locations:-

National Secondary Safety Measures:

N58 RSMIS Straide	€ 46,000
N59 HCL Newport Roads, Westport at Kings Hill	€130,000
N59 HCL Westport Town (NRA Cluster)	€ 40,000
N59 RSMIS at Liscarney	€ 10,000
N59 RSMIS at Muingnahalloona Bridge, Bangor	€ 15,000
N84 RSMIS Ballinrobe Town	<u>€100,000</u>
	€341,000

NS Majors:

N59 Westport to Mulranny	<u>€800,000</u>
	€800,000

Pavement & Minor Improvements:

N59 Ballina-Sligo Co Boundary at Dooyeaghny	€610,000
N59 Kilbride Road	€4,500,000
N59 Lower Bridge to Bunree Bridge, Ballina	€350,000
N59 Mulranny Footpaths	€50,000
N59 Newport – Mulranny Road at Knockbreaga	€50,000
N60 Ballynastangford	€325,000
N60 Castlebar – Balla Road at Drumnaslooeen, Manulla	€650,000
N60 Heathlawn	€1,000,000
N60 Lagnamuck	€500,000
N60 Manulla Cross	€400,000
N83 Ballyhaunis to Corraun	€400,000
N84 Ballinrobe – Kilmaine Road at Cregduff	€500,000
N84 Shrule	<u>€265,000</u>
	€9,600,000

The **National Secondary Maintenance Grant** for 2012 was €829,690 broken down as follows:

Winter Maintenance	€ 200,000
Bridge Maintenance	€ 16,000
Ordinary Maintenance	€ 518,690
Route Lighting	<u>€ 95,000</u>
	€ 829,690

Non-National Roads, Local Improvement Schemes, Regional and Local Roads

Regional Road Grants

Regional Roads – Maintenance	€1,162,000
Regional Roads – Winter Maintenance	€ 592,736
Regional Roads – Surface Dressing	€1,188,900
Regional Roads – Other Works	€ 720,000
Regional Roads – Improvement Grant	€2,969,167
Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants – Regional Roads	€ 155,000
Bridge Inspections	€ 150,000
Signposting Grant	<u>€ 157,600</u>
	€7,095,403

Local Road Grants

Improvement Grant	€ 6,703,056
Surface Dressing	€ 3,094,100
Contributions to Local “Community Schemes”	€ 210,000
International Roughness Index – IRI Survey	€ 15,000
Minor Improvements	€ 200,000
Councillors N.O.M Allocations	€ 930,000
Local Roads Maintenance	€ 2,988,245
Verge Trimming/Hedgecutting	€ 100,000
Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants	€ 35,000
Training Grant	€ 90,000
Ineligible Expenditure (against grants)	<u>€ 600,000</u>
	€14,965,401

Specific Improvement Grants were allocated for the following schemes:

R310 Knockmore to Pontoon	€ 450,000
R311 Link Road Castlebar	€ 500,000
R320 Kiltimagh Streets	€ 285,000
R335 Bunowen Bridge, Louisburgh	€ 175,000
R335 Delphi Bridge, Louisburgh	<u>€ 150,000</u>
	€1,560,000

Regional Road Signposting

An allocation of €157,600 was received in 2012 in respect of a programme of signposting on the regional road network. The programme will take account of the Official Languages Act, 2003, in respect of Gaeltacht locations.

The following is a list of Pavement overlay schemes designed and managed by the Roads Design Office in 2012.

	Scheme Cost
N5 Castlebar – Westport Road at Dooncastle	€ 431,756.00
N17 Charlestown – Knock Road at Cloonturk	€ 685,446.00
N26 Ballina – Foxford Road at Stonehall	€ 999,932.00
N26 Foxford – Swinford Road at Belgarrow	€ 853,157.00
N59 Ballina – Sligo Road at Dooyeaghny	€ 619,097.00
N59 Lower Bridge – Bunree Bridge, Ballina	€ 412,370.00
N59 Newport – Mulranny Road at Cahergal	€ 407,413.00
N60 Balla – Claremorris Road at Ballinastangford	€ 233,230.00
N60 Castlebar – Balla Road at Drumnasloheen	€ 711,667.00
N83 Ballyhaunis – Cloonfad Road at Corraun	€ 773,378.00
N84 Castlebar – Ballinrobe Road at Derrygarve & Cooley	€2,075,062.00
N84 Ballinrobe Streets	€ 232,643.00
N84 Kilmaine – Shrule Road at Cregduff	€ 297,255.00
N84 Shrule Village	<u>€ 492,678.00</u>
Total	€9,225,084.00



Ballina Streets



Mulranny Road, Newport

Re-alignment was carried out on the following scheme in 2011 and was completed in September 2012.

N59 Newport – Mulranny Road Re-alignment at Knockbreaga € 1,150,144.00

Repair works was carried out on Delphi Bridge South of Louisburgh on the N59 and design works was prepared for the widening of the Bunowen Bridge, Louisburgh.

N59 KILBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The *N59 Kilbride Road Improvement Scheme* was identified as a section of the overall *N59 Westport to Mulranny* scheme that could be delivered in advance of the rest of the project. Work started on the construction of this project on December 12, 2011 and it was completed at the end of September 2012. This road project incorporated 1.95km of the final section of the *Great Western Greenway* which completed the 40km off road cycleway from Westport to Achill.

This development consisted of the following:

- Improvement of the existing N59 National Secondary route comprising the construction of a Type 3 Single Carriageway road (6.0m carriageway road with 0.5m hard strips and verges of approximately 2.0m to 3.0m) for a distance of approximately 2.85km;
- Construction of a cycleway 2.5m wide alongside the improved N59 for a distance of approximately 1.95km;
- Improvement of sideroad junctions at the following roads: L-54264, L-5426, L-5433, L-54331, L-54267, L-5426, L-54268;
- Associated earthworks, drainage, landscaping and diversion of services.

The proposed scheme traverses the townlands of Sandymount, Carrowbaun, Kilbride, Carrowmore, Shandrum and Corragaun (D.E.D. Derryloughan), Newport, County Mayo. Land was bought by agreement for the construction of the road from twenty-two landowners.

Wills Brothers Ltd were the main contractors for the scheme and the overall cost for the construction of the scheme was €4.5 million.



N59 WESTPORT TO MULRANNY

The N59 Westport to Mulranny Road Scheme has been designed along the route of the N59 between Westport (Attyreece) and Mulranny (Murrevagh), excluding sections at Kilbride (2.85km), Newport Town (2km) and Knockbreaga (1km).

The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the N59 Westport to Mulranny Road Scheme was published on December 27, 2011. An Bord Pleanála conducted an Oral Hearing for the scheme over two days on April 17 & 18, 2012 and gave approval for the scheme on July 2, 2012. The CPO became operative on August 21, 2012 following the statutory period for legal challenges to the Board's decision.

The proposed development will consist of the following: -

- Improvement of the existing N59 National Secondary route comprising the construction of a Type 3 Single Carriageway road (6.0m carriageway road with 0.5m hard strips and verges of approximately 2.0m to 3.0m) for a distance of approximately 21.2km;
- The road project is divided into three sections - Section A: Mulranny to Knockbreaga (8.0km), Section B: Knockbreaga to Newport (6.4km) and Section C: Corragaun to Westport (6.8km);
- The project will predominantly be an online improvement with two offline sections within Section C – at Rossow (0.6km) and at Barleyhill (1.0km);
- Enhancements to the existing Great Western Greenway by the removal of two at-grade crossings of the cycle and walkway route and the construction of an underpass, an overbridge and 3.2km of cycleway typically 2.5m wide alongside the improved N59;
- Improvement of 55 No. sideroad junctions;
- 31 No. road closures/ junction realignments;
- The widening of 5 No. existing bridges and the construction of 4 No. new bridge structures;
- The widening of 13 No. existing culverts and the construction of 5 No. new culverts;
- Construction of tourist lay-bys at scenic areas;
- Associated earthworks, drainage, landscaping and diversion of services.



The photo shows the Kilmeena Greenway crossing, which is one of the two at-grade crossings of the Great Western Greenway to be removed as part of the N59 Westport to Mulranny Road Scheme.

At this location the Great Western Greenway is being rerouted along the proposed alignment to the new Rosdooaun Bridge where an underbridge for the greenway crossing is being incorporated in the bridge design.

KILCUMMIN SLIPWAY

The old slipway at Kilcummin which was constructed with rough cobble stone had fallen into serious disrepair and did not extend as far as the low water mark. The structural condition and limited extent of the slipway caused a serious inconvenience to all users. This slipway is very important to the local fishermen for launching their fishing boats and is extensively used for day trips during the summer months. It is also used by The Irish Coast Guard and Grainne Uaile Sub Aqua Club as a launching station.

An application for funding under the Fishery, Harbour & Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme was made to The Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine in 2012 and a total grant of €112,500 was secured, representing 75% of the cost of the project. Mayo County Council contributed €37,500 towards the cost of the works, which amounted to total project expenditure of €150,000.

The work on the new slipway was completed between September and December of 2012. This project entailed the construction of a reinforced concrete slipway, 55 metres in length and 9 metres in width and it extends to below the low water mark, facilitating the launch of boats at all stages of tide. A section of the breakwater wall was also reconstructed and underpinned.

This new slipway has effected a vast improvement for the expeditious launching of all craft and has been the subject of much commendation by all stakeholders.



ROAD SAFETY

The County Council in conjunction with the Road Safety Authority operates a programme of education and awareness of Road Safety. This involves promoting the need for caution and awareness of the dangers on the roads in Mayo. The Programme includes visits to schools by the Road Safety Officer and the promotion of Junior Warden and Cycle Training Schemes with schools. With the co-operation of teachers, the Gardaí and parents, these schemes make a significant contribution to Road Safety. The Road Safety Officer works with the Road Safety Together Committee in the County whose membership comprises of County Council, HSE West, Gardaí and local community representatives towards the implementation of the Road Safety Strategy.

Road Safety Awareness for 2012 was concentrated in 4 main areas:

Promotion of Road Safety in the Primary Schools

This activity is conducted in conjunction with the Gardaí. The County Council provides support to the Gardaí when visiting schools by providing leaflets, reflective arm bands and other road safety promotional material.

Junior Warden Schemes

Again, the activity in this area is to support the 4 Junior Warden Schemes in Ballina Town and Westport Town, at the Girl's National School, Convent Hill and the other at Scoil Padraig, Pound Street, the Quay School, Ballina and the Boys National School Westport.

Uniforms and signs are provided by the County Council. Road markings are updated regularly. Again, this Council is fortunate to have the enthusiastic support of the Principals in the 4 schools. Without their enthusiastic support it would not be possible to maintain the scheme. The teachers, parents and pupils appreciate the benefits of the Junior Warden Scheme to the pupils.

General Promotion of Road Safety through the Local Media

The County Council operates in support of the Road Safety Authority and also carries out general promotion in the local media.

Road Safety Plan

The work of a steering committee in the promotion of the Road Safety Plan which was developed in 2007 will continue evaluating progress of this plan. It is hoped that over time we will achieve a significant reduction in the road accident statistics in the County.

Road Accident Statistics – Mayo

Year	Fatalities
2001	8
2002	14
2003	10
2004	13
2005	14
2006	11
2007	09
2008	10
2009	10
2010	8
2011	12
2012	07

MOTOR TAX

The Motor Taxation Office deals with the administration of the Vehicle Licence and Drivers Licence system for the county of Mayo.

Mayo County Council has been to the forefront in the devolution of the motor tax service on a regional basis throughout the county and there are currently three motor tax offices located strategically in Mayo as follows:

Glenpark, The Mall, Castlebar
Civic Offices, Ballina
Council Offices, Belmullet

An online contact service is provided at motortax@mayococo.ie

A renewal of Motor tax online services is also available to customers. This service can be used for the renewal of tax on private vehicles, goods vehicles, motor cycles and agricultural tractors.

The table set out hereunder shows the level of usage of the motor tax service both in the local offices and online. The use of the online service continues to grow from year to year which reflects the user friendly nature of the service.

	2012 Local	2012 Online
No. of New Registrations	1910	
No. of Tax discs issued	82000	50850
No. of drivers Licences issued	19500	
Receipts	6850	5130
CRW's	12600	
Trade Licences	130	
Miscellaneous	90	
Total Issues	123,080	55,980
Total Income	€18,850,000	€1,778,604

The Motor Taxation Offices continue to provide a high class customer orientated service with customer care at the centre of all activity which is reflected in the overall level of customer satisfaction.

GROUP WATER SCHEMES

The Rural Water Programme is administered by Local Authorities and is comprised of a number of measures to address deficiencies in:-

- Group Water Schemes
- Small Public Water & Sewerage Schemes
- Private supplies where no alternative group or public scheme is available.

Expenditure under the Rural Water Programme for Group Water Schemes falls under the following general headings:-

- (i) Quality deficient schemes
- (ii) Network upgrades – Water Conservation
- (iii) Takeover by Local Authority
- (iv) Connection to Public Main
- (v) New Group Water Schemes
- (vi) New Group Sewerage Schemes

The Rural Water Monitoring Committee oversees the operation of the Rural Water Programme locally.

Mayo County Council are the supervisory Authority for Group Water Schemes under the Drinking Water Regulations, 2007. The Council are required to monitor (sample and analyse) group water supplies through their monitoring programmes. The HSE carry out the sampling on behalf of Mayo County Council.

Design/Build/Operate (DBO)

Bundle No. 1

The first bundle of 13 No. Schemes for improvement of water treatment facilities using the D.B.O. process was completed during period 2007 – 2009.

Thirteen Schemes have agreed to use the D.B.O. process namely, Ballycroy, Lough Carra, Brackloon/Spaddagh, Drummin, Glencorrib, Glenhest, Killeen, Kilmeena, Kilmovee, Lough Mask/Creavagh, Laghta, Belderrig and Fahy/Kilmaclasser. All of these Treatment Plants have now been commissioned. These schemes supply water to 3,300 households.

ISO 9001 Certification

Three of the above DBO Bundle No. 1 Schemes - Ballycroy, Kilmeena & Killeen GWSs achieved ISO 9001 certification for their ability to consistently supply wholesome and clean water that meets European Communities (Drinking Water) (No.2) Regulations

2007. They are the first group water schemes in the country to achieve this standard. Certificates were presented by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny at Kilmeena Water Treatment Plant on 8th October 2012.

Bundle No. 2

A second Bundle comprising of 10 No. Treatment Plants serving 20 Group Water Schemes have been completed. These schemes supply water to 4,530 households.

Callow Lake GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Clew Bay GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Cloonmore/ Rooskey GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Curraghmore GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Moylew GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Nephin Valley GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Parke GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
PBKS GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Shraheens GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.
Killasser GWS Co-operative Society Ltd.

The following DBO Advance Works Contracts were completed in 2012:

- Advance Works Contract 4 for construction of water mains and ancillary works at Callow Lake GWS Co-Operative Society.
- Nephin Valley Group Water Scheme Critical Mains Replacement Contract.

Take-over of Group Schemes

Any Group Water Scheme which is connected to a Public Main can apply for Takeover by the Council provided two thirds of the members agree to same.

Enquiries regarding take-over of Schemes have been received from in excess of 60 Groups. Schemes proposed for takeover are assessed by the Rural Water Section. 8 Schemes were taken in charge in 2012.

An allocation of €400,000 was granted to Mayo County Council for Take-over of Group Water Schemes in 2012.

Upgrading/Water Conservation

There is an 85% Grant for upgrading/water conservation works on Group Water Schemes subject to maximum funding of €6,475.66 per house.

Mayo County Council received an allocation of €530,000 in 2011 for upgrading of Group Water Schemes.

Connect To The Public Main

Carha GWS was connected to the public main in 2012. Works on the connection of Cusin/Ayle to the public main are in progress.

Upgrading of Existing Schemes

Upgrading in Progress 2012
Caherduff/Neale Carha (Bonniconlon) Cushin/Ayle (Westport)

SCHEMES TAKEN-IN-CHARGE 1N 2012	
Cloonraine Cloondroon	Castlegar
Bofield	Glenamoy
Oxford Greyfield	Kilmore (Kilkelly)
Castlenageha	Turlough/Laughtavarry

Subsidy towards the Operational Costs of Group Water Supply Schemes

This scheme allows for the payment by Local Authorities of an annual subsidy towards the operational costs of Group Water Schemes in supplying water for domestic use. It is important that all Group Schemes avail of their Subsidy entitlements. Mayo County Council encourages all Schemes to apply for Subsidy payments to assist them in the efficient running of their water supplies.

Grants for the Provision or Necessary Improvement of an Individual Water Supply to a House

This Scheme was introduced to assist households' dependant on private individual water supplies who are incurring capital expenditure to:

- Provide a piped supply of water for domestic purposes for the first time, or
- Remedy serious deficiencies in an existing supply of water for domestic purposes.

This scheme does not apply to houses to which a Public or Group Scheme Water Supply has already been, or can be, reasonably provided. 545 applications have been received to date.

WATER SERVICES

In 2012, Mayo County Council continued to ensure that the quality of drinking water and the quality of waste water discharging into our waterways was of the highest possible standard and in compliance with the appropriate regulations.

The year saw the first full year of the Operation Phase of the Design Build and Operate schemes for Achill, Castlebar and Kiltimagh waste water treatment plants.

Investment in 2012 focussed on:

- Water Conservation
- Upgrade works at Tourmaleady for the Lough Mask Regional water supply scheme.
- Progressing the Charlestown/Belmullet/Foxford sewerage scheme(as a Bundle)
- Progressing solutions for Westport and Kilmaine water schemes.
- Dealing with a Remedial Action List in respect of specific water schemes.

Water Quality

It is imperative that the public has confidence in the drinking water provided by Mayo County Council. In this regard, Mayo County Council is developing a water quality management system which will incorporate source protection, risk management taking of supplies, and publishing details of water quality. A draft Drinking Water Incident Response Plan (DWIRP) has been prepared.

In 2012 water quality results were made available on the Council's website, www.mayococo.ie. Water Supplies are independently tested for Mayo County Council by the Health Service Executive and other private accredited laboratories in accordance with a monitoring programme agreed with the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.). This monitoring is carried out on a continuous basis and includes specific cryptosporidium monitoring. Mayo County Council will continue to work with the E.P.A. and Health Service Executive (H.S.E.) regarding the ongoing monitoring of water supplies.

Remedial Action List and EPA Audited Schemes

In its role as a supervisory authority under the 2007 Drinking Water Regulations the Environmental Protection Agency has audited many public water supplies in Mayo and has issued a direction on 6 of these supplies. The EPA has reduced the number of public water supplies on its Remedial Action List from 7 to 5 in 2012. The Council are actively pursuing solutions in each case.

Countywide Water Conservation Project

The Countywide Water conservation project commenced in 2004, and comprises of 3 distinct stages:-

- Stage 1: Mapping the networks, and setting up District Metering Area's (DMA's)
- Stage 2: Leak detection and repair
- Stage 3: Mains Rehabilitation works

To date stage 1 & 2 works are almost completed, for a total cost of €6 million, with the installation of 198 DMA's monitoring 2,236km of water mains within 22 water supply schemes. See *Fig.1*. Each of these DMA meters are linked to a telemetry system which can then be seen across all of the Area Offices and many of the Water Treatment plants. Area Engineers and Caretakers can now monitor water consumption on a daily basis.

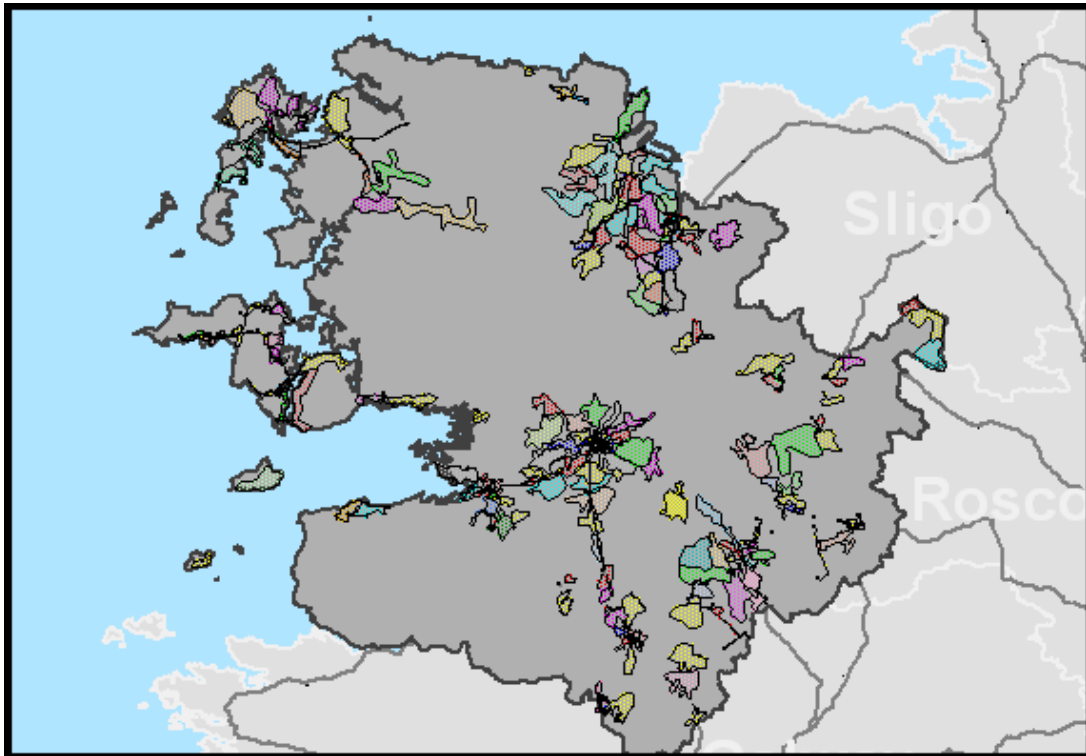


Fig 1: District Metering Areas (DMA's) within Mayo

Water audits are carried out on a weekly basis and the information gathered is used to prioritise the workload of the counties 5 waste water inspectors. Typically 1300 leaks are repaired annually across the entire network. When the project commenced in 2004 it was estimated that countywide consumption was almost 68,000m³ per day. In 2006 the total countywide consumption for our Public water supply schemes was recorded as 64,000m³ per day. Today the consumption is 55,000m³ per day (12 million Gallons per day) with further savings expected when Stage 3 rehabilitation works are completed. See *Fig. 2*

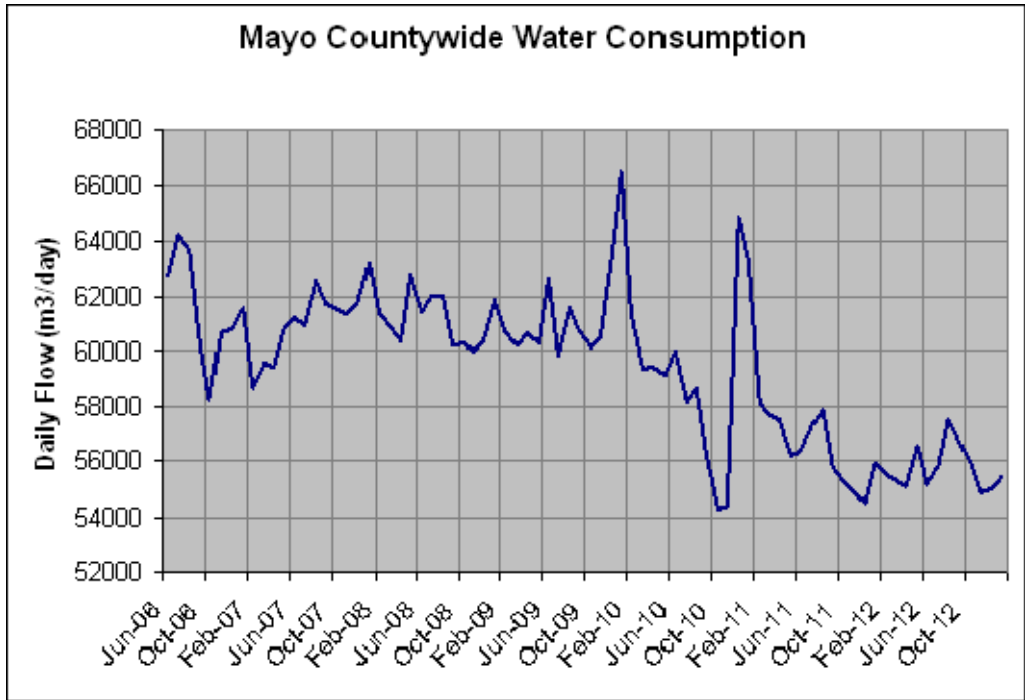


Fig 2: Graph of Water Consumption within Mayo. Note the spikes in the graph indicate the increase in flows over the recent severe winters



Fig 3: 120m³/day leak on 75mm mains

To date 6.5km of mains have been replaced under stage 3 works. A number of further schemes are progressing with 3 contracts expected to start in 2013 resulting in almost 50km of mains replacement. A number of additional contracts are progressing through the planning process.

Waste Water Discharge Licences

Under legislation introduced in 2007 Mayo County Council must apply to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Waste Water Discharge Licences or Certificates of Authorisation for all of its Waste Water Treatment Plants and this process is on-going.

The current status of the application process is as follows:

Capacity of Waste Water Treatment Plant (population equivalent)	Waste Water Discharge Applications Submitted	Number of Licences / Certificates Granted to date
Greater than 10,000	3	3 Licences
2,001 to 10,000	10	2 Licences
1,001 to 2,000	8	2 Licences
500 to 1,000	12	3 Licences
Below 500	12	12 Certificates

The application fee to the EPA for these 33 licences and 12 certificates has cost Mayo County Council €616,000. The Council has requested a reduction in the application fees from the EPA. The EPA has agreed to a partial refund for certificate applications. One new licence was granted to Mayo County Council during the year. The annual contribution to the EPA for 2012, with respect to overseeing the 10 licences that have been issued to date, amounted to €43,526. Twelve Certificates of Authorisation have been granted to Mayo County Council. There is no annual contribution to the EPA for overseeing Certificates of Authorisation.

Water Services Investment Programme

In 2012 works continued under the Water Services Investment Programme 2010 – 2013.

Schemes Completed in 2012

Water Supply to Cong from Neale	€1m
Water Conservation :Wherrew Ballina	€1m
Kiltimagh Sewerage Scheme Wastewater Treatment Plant	€4.0m

Schemes in Progress in 2012

Upgrade works at Tourmakeady- Lough mask regional water	€8m
Water Conservation Stage 3 Rehab Works	€6m

Schemes to Commence in 2013 -2014 (subject to finance being available)

Srah to Westport Ext from Lough Mask	€10.0m
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Schemes to be advanced through Planning

Belmullet , Foxford and Charlestown Waste Water Treatment Plants (as a bundled scheme)	€14.3m
Killala Sewerage scheme	€ 5.1m
Water Conservation Stage 3 Rehabilitation Works	€5.0m

Small Schemes

The provision of a Treatment Plant for Mayo Abbey sewerage scheme was commenced during the year. Upgrade works were carried out in respect of Turlough Sewerage scheme No new Small Schemes were completed in 2012.

The reduction in funding, particularly Clár funding, has had a detrimental effect on the provision of Small Schemes in Mayo.

Water Metering/Water Charges

2008 was the first year when all Non-Domestic customers were charged Water and Sewerage charges on a volumetric basis. A dedicated office was set up in 2008 dealing solely with Water Services Charges and water conservation.

Mayo County Council has 7,954 non domestic water customers with 10,843 meters in operation. 1730 customers have more than 1 meter.

New customers are continuously coming on line with the take over of group water schemes throughout the county.

Invoices are issued on a monthly, three monthly or six monthly basis depending on the consumption of the customer, at present the Water Services office is processing 2000 bills per month. Advice on managing your water supply is issued to customers with their invoices; this is a great assistance in water conservation by encouraging customers to deal with leakage promptly.

Customers can now pay their Water Services Charges in any Mayo County Council office or online at www.mayococo.ie/epayments and they can also monitor their water consumption by registering at www.mymayo.ie

The charges for 2012 were €0.97/m³ for water and €1.43/m³ for sewerage. This in effect meant that water charges remained at 2011 levels. It is stated Government policy that domestic water charges will be introduced in 2014.

Irish Water

A new company, Irish Water (An Bord Uisce) has been established under the auspices of An Bord Gais. This new company will effectively take over the delivery of the water services investment programme from Local Authorities. It's envisaged that during a three year transition period (2014-2017) local authorities will act as agents of Irish water under Water Service Level Agreements for the delivery of water services. The new company will see:

- the introduction of a sustainable funding model to support increased investment in the sector , to underpin job creation and statutory compliance.
- the introduction of independent economic regulation of the water sector under the Commission of Energy Regulation.

WATER SAFETY

With its enormous coastline including 13 Blue Flag beaches, and an abundance of pristine inland waterways, water safety has always been a priority for Mayo County Council.

A total of 24 lifeguards were employed by Mayo County Council during the period June to September 2012 and they were located at the most popular areas for outdoor water based activities in the county. They were as follows:

Bertra, Westport	Keem, Achill
Old Head, Louisburgh	Keel, Achill
Carramore, Louisburgh	Silver Strand, Dugort, Achill
Carrowniskey, Louisburgh	Golden Strand, Dugort, Achill
Ross, Killala	Mulranny
Belmullet Shore Rd. Pool	

The provision of the lifeguard service ensures the safety of all those who visit Mayo's waterways where there is an impeccable safety record since the inception of the service back in the mid 70's.

Mayo County Council is very proud of its lifeguard service and provides the highest standard of non mechanical rescue equipment at all lifeguard stations throughout the county. Defibrillators are also on site and all lifeguards employed in 2012 qualified as Cardiac First Responders (CFR) at induction training prior to employment.

Besides the employment of lifeguards and the provision of equipment the Water Safety function also involves the promotion of awareness and this is done primarily by organising water safety courses in the public pools (Castlebar, Ballina, Claremorris & Westport) during the winter months and at numerous outdoor locations during the summer. This extensive programme of courses included the following locations in 2012:

- Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Charlestown & Kilmovee Pools
- Aughleam
- Clare Island
- Inishturk
- Lacken Pier
- Mullaghroe

Water Safety certificates issued to approx. 1,500 children and adults who participated on such courses in Mayo in 2012. These courses are the breeding ground for the next generation of lifeguards who will be employed by Mayo and other County Councils into the future.



The replacement of ringbuoys, which are vandalised, damaged or stolen, is a continuous problem for local authorities. Irish Water Safety developed a website ringbuoys.ie where any member of the public can report missing or damaged ringbuoys to any Local Authority. An e-mail is sent to the Water Safety Officer in the relevant Local Authority, who will then ensure that the lifesaving equipment is replaced without delay.



Mayo County Councils Beach Lifeguards 2012, pictured at Old Head, Louisburgh following induction training

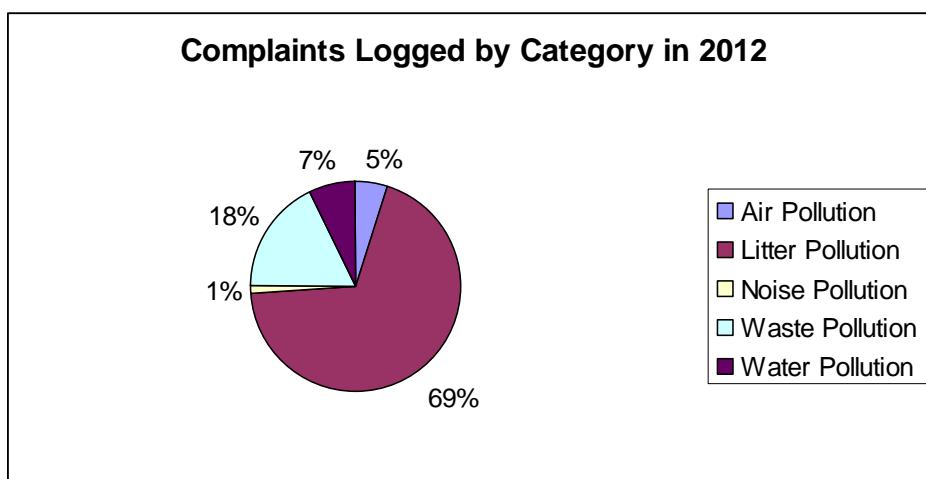
OUR ENVIRONMENT **AWARENESS...ENFORCEMENT...PROTECTION**

The Environment Section deals with the enforcement of environmental legislation, the implementation of EU directives and regulations, national and regional policies and the raising of awareness/education of environmental issues with the general public.

2012 saw the continuance of this role of striving to achieve the quality environment that is a key component of sustainable development.

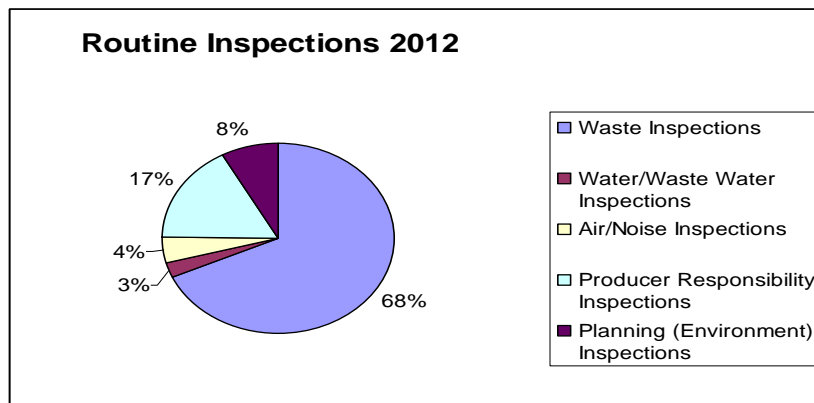
Environmental Enforcement

A total of 956 complaints were received by the Environment Section in 2012. Including complaints which were still under investigation at the end of 2011, 722 complaints were resolved with the remainder ongoing at the end of 2012. Complaints or enquires on environmental issues can be received by phone, e-mail, free phone litter line, letter or through the Councils website. Litter and waste pollution complaints comprised 87% of the calls logged with the balance made up of water, air and noise.



In addition to complaints etc received which are classified as Non Routine Inspections, there is a programmed Routine Inspection programme which is carried out by the Councils team of enforcement officers, litter wardens and environmental technical staff.

A total of 978 such inspections were carried out in 2012 with 668 (68%) of the inspections categorised under waste. Producer responsibilities included visits to businesses/premises under WEEE and battery regulations, end of life vehicles, farm plastics, plastic bag levy and packaging regulations.



Planning of the workload of the enforcement team is set out in the Councils annual RMCEI plan (Recommended Criteria for Environmental Inspections) which is required to be prepared annually and sent to the EPA.

Connacht Waste Management Plan

The European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011, which transposed the Waste Framework Directive into Irish law, were signed by the Minister on 31st March, 2011. These regulations include a requirement to evaluate existing waste management plans by 31st December 2012. The evaluation of the Replacement Waste Management Plan for the Connacht Region 2006-2011 was completed towards the end of 2012. The outcome of the evaluation is that a new plan will be required for the proposed enlarged region i.e. existing Connacht region with Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan included.

Civic Amenity Sites

Civic amenity sites enable householders to recycle a range of household wastes. Materials collected include hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. Garden waste is now accepted at both centres to enable recovery of green waste by householders and further assists with diversion of bio-waste from Landfill. The fee for householders to avail use the Civic Amenity site is €3.40 (including VAT).

The Connaught Waste Management Plan 2006 to 2011 identified the need for additional Civic Amenity sites and a site has been identified in the Belmullet area to cater for the north of the County. The plans have been drawn up and have been considered under the Part 8 Planning process.

Landfills

Mayo County Council is licensed by the EPA to operate two Landfills. They are located at Derrinumera and Rathroeen. Currently, waste is not being landfilled at Derrinumera but all residual waste is being diverted to Rathroeen. Tenders for the provision of a further cell at Rathroeen have been sought. Provision of this infrastructure has been made through loan charges.

Waste Collection Permits

Until May 2012, Mayo County Council, as one of ten Nominated Authorities in the country had responsibility for the management & processing of all Waste Collection Permits for the Connacht Region. As and from 23rd May, 2012, Waste Collection Permits are now managed and processed on a national basis by the National Waste Collection Permit Office, based at Offaly County Council, and Mayo County Council is no longer a Nominated Authority for this purpose. However, Mayo County Council continues to be a 'Lead' Authority for the purpose of the Connacht Waste Management Plan. A financial contribution is made by all local authorities towards the operation costs of the NWCPO.

Mayo County Council retains responsibility for enforcement of all Waste Collection Permits having their main business address in County Mayo. Mayo County Council will also retain responsibility for the validation of all Annual Environmental Returns for the year 2012 which are processed in early 2013.

Waste Facility Permits and Certificates of Registration

Mayo County Council continues to process applications for Waste Facility Permits and Certificates of Registration for the County. A valid application must include evidence of planning permission or planning exemption for the proposed activity.

Currently there are 26 Permitted facilities - these include waste transfer stations, authorised treatment facilities (for depollution of end of life vehicles) and sites for the recovery of waste construction and demolition waste. The number of applications received for permitted fill sites has increased in 2012, with significant pre-consultation taking place in relation to many others. The increased demand for permitted fill sites appears to be related to the preparative works for tunnelling at the Shell Ireland site in North Mayo

Litter Action League

2012 saw the continuation of the Litter Action League which was first introduced in November 2002.

The competition is open to Tidy Towns Committees and Community Groups in all towns and villages in County Mayo, with the exception of the towns of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. It is run on a league basis i.e. each of the participating towns and villages compete against all other towns and villages in its group in successive months.

The competition helps to raise awareness of the extent and effect of litter in local communities with awards being given to the winners and runners up.

Group A	Large towns (population over 1,000)
Group B	Smaller towns (population 500 - 1000)
Group C	Large Villages (populations <500)

Cleaner Community Campaign

Each year as part of its mission to promote and protect the environment, Mayo County Council organises a Cleaner Community Campaign. This campaign involves Community Groups, Schools and Tidy Town Committees etc and is geared towards fostering a sense of pride of the local community's surroundings.

The 2012 competition had five categories as follows:

1. Environmental Endeavour Award
2. Best Kept Housing Estate
3. Best Kept School
4. Best Kept Burial Ground
5. Adopt – a- Mile

To see this year's winners please follow the link below:-

<http://www.mayococo.ie/en/Services/Environment/EducationAwareness/>

Environment Awareness

Environment Awareness is an integral part of waste policy in the Connaught Region. Awareness is focused on all sectors of the community – school children, young adults, householders, business and community groups. The highlights of the 2012 year include the Master Composting Programme and the participation of Mayo County Council in the EPA Local Authority Prevention Network.

Primary and Secondary Schools Environment Awareness Programme

Mayo County Council has continued to promote environmental awareness on the issues of litter, waste, recycling, composting, biodiversity, energy and water conservation with both our primary and secondary schools. Information and awareness visits were carried out in schools throughout 2012. Schools are offered compost bins and other promotional and awareness information free of charge, and they are actively encouraged to avail of the tours to the recycling/landfill centres and to participate in a variety of environmental programmes funded by Mayo County Council.

Several projects were funded in 2012 including the Food We Eat programme, Magic shows on a litter and waste theme and biodiversity awareness workshops all with the specific aim of increasing awareness of environmental issues among primary school children.



The Food We Eat - one of the many environmental awareness programmes provided for primary schools

Green Schools Programme

The Green School's Programme is an international programme designed to encourage and acknowledge whole school action for the environment. This programme is run in co-operation with Local Authorities throughout Ireland and is managed by An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland. Green Schools offers a well-defined controllable way for the schools to take environmental issues from their curriculum and apply them to the day-to-day running of their school. This process helps the pupils recognise the importance of environmental issues. Green Schools is both a programme and an award scheme. The award is given to schools that complete the seven steps of the programme and has to be renewed every two years.

To date, in Mayo there are 186 schools registered for the Green Schools Programme and of these 146 have been awarded Green Flag status.

Preschools, primary and secondary schools can participate in the Green Schools programme and a Green Centre and Campus programme is open to other educational centres and third level colleges.



Representatives of Ballinrobe Community School are awarded their Green Flag at the annual An Taisce Green School Awards in May 2012



James Horan, Mayo Senior Football Team Manager is given some assistance in raising the Green Flag at Ballyvary National School in June 2012

Youth Anti-litter awareness

In 2012, we focused on projects that would increase awareness to the issue of littering among the younger generation and in particular teenagers and young adults. In November 2012 an anti litter campaign “Where have you Bin?” ran throughout the County with iRadio. In this campaign responsible litterbin users were financially rewarded. An environmental training programme also ran with Foroige clubs in the Ballina area with the aim of increasing litter awareness and participation in community based litter action.

A joint road safety and car litter awareness campaign was held in partnership with GMIT, Castlebar in October 2012.

Community Groups Awareness Programme

This year proved to be the busiest ever in the area of community environmental awareness programmes. As in previous years presentations involved the delivery of information about our Recycling Centres, bottle banks, the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, composting, stopping food waste, the dangers of back-yard burning and the safe disposal of hazardous materials, WEEE and batteries. This year a number of events were organised in partnership with the local Tidy Towns Committees. Various information leaflets and brochures on litter, waste, recycling, landfill/recycling centres, composting, food waste and back-yard burning were distributed to those in attendance at these presentations.

With the constantly changing face of waste management there is an ongoing need to raise awareness with community groups and householders and in particular in the area of brown bin waste and elimination of food waste. Information days were ran in 'SuperValu' Westport, Belmullet Civic Offices (HOPE project), Claremorris, Swinford and Bonniconlon Agricultural Shows and at the Crossmolina Garden Fete.

Mayo County Council co-funded an information seminar for Tidy Towns Committees in October 2012 hosted by Kilmaine Tidy Towns – this was very well attended by committees throughout the County.

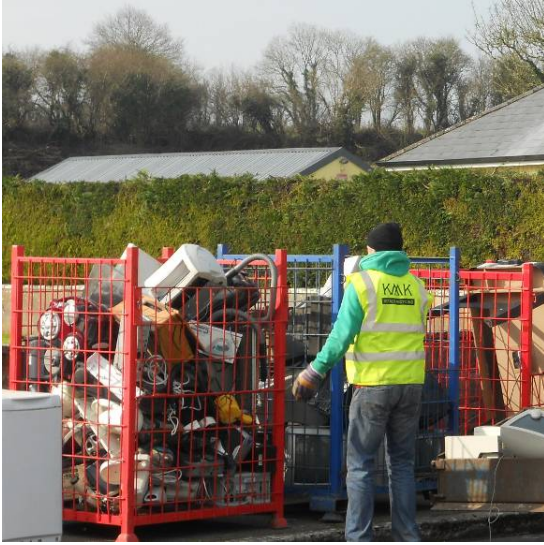
Local Authority Prevention Network

In 2012, Mayo County Council joined the EPA's Local Authority Prevention Network. LAPN is an initiative of the Environmental Protection Agency led National Waste Prevention Programme, working with Irish local authorities to deliver resource efficiency and waste prevention initiatives at a local and grassroots level. Mayo County Council is currently carrying out a sports ground efficiency programme as part of the LAPN.



Master Composting Programme

In the summer of 2012, we recruited 30 community volunteers from throughout the County to take part in the EPA's Stop Food Waste Master Composting Programme. This was a highly successful training programme which involved intensive training of the volunteers over a number of weeks and the building of a composting demonstration site in partnership with Clar IRD in Claremorris. The volunteers in turn each give 30 hours outreach work to raise awareness to composting and food waste in their communities.



FREE Electrical Recycling Days for Householders

During 2012, Mayo County Council in association with WEEE Ireland carried out FREE Electrical Recycling Days in 33 locations with 265 tonnes of WEEE collected. People can recycle anything with a plug or a battery for free at these events as well as all types of waste batteries. Our strong links with community contacts and voluntary groups proved very effective in communicating and publicising these events in the various towns.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Derrinnumera and Rathroeen Civic Amenity Centres provide a drop off service for household hazardous waste such as old paints, pesticides and medicines. There is a need to provide this service to other areas of the County. In 2012, Mayo County Council provided for a mobile household hazardous waste collection in Belmullet. This “Chemcar” event was very successful with householders throughout the Erris region using the service.



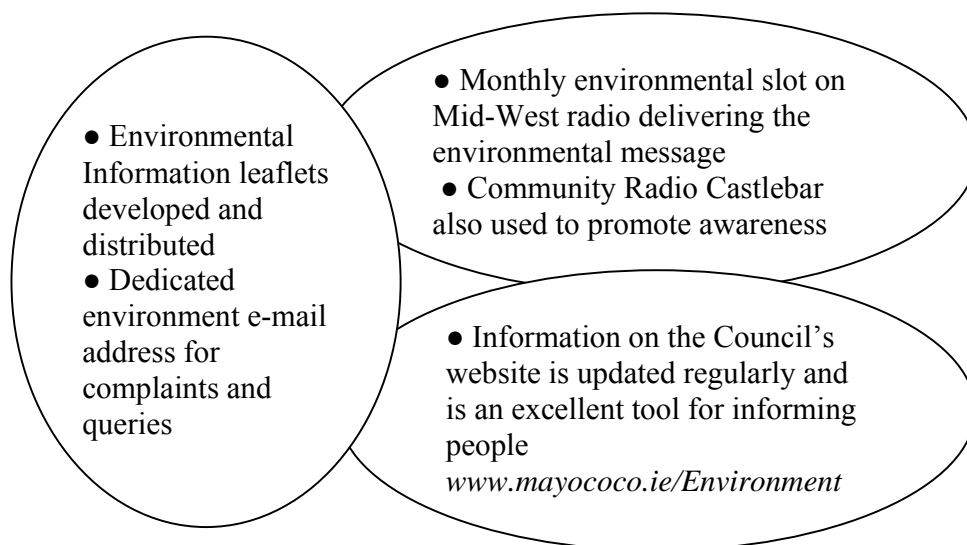
Mayo County Council was honoured at the Repak Awards during National Recycling Week in October 2012 when WEEE Ireland, the Irish compliance scheme for electrical and battery recycling, selected Mayo County Council as a recipient of its Special Merit Award and as a finalist in the WEEE Ireland Best Participating Local Authority Category.

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean is Ireland’s biggest anti-litter campaign. It encourages people from all walks of life to take pride in their local environment and to take action against litter. The campaign runs throughout the whole month of April and relies on the wonderful support from volunteers nationwide.

All schools and community groups were invited to participate in the Spring Clean Campaign and all registered groups were issued with bags, gloves and litter pickers to assist them in their litter clean ups.

Distribution of information



Christmas Campaign

In January 2012, a Christmas card recycling campaign was held to coincide with the Christmas Tree recycling campaign. In December 2012, a very successful Christmas Decoration Competition was held by Mayo County Council whereby primary school children were encouraged to make decorations from “waste” materials.



A selection of the decorations made using waste materials submitted for Mayo County Councils Race against waste Christmas Decoration Competition

Administration and Implementation of Grant Schemes

Anti-Litter & Anti Graffiti Grants 2012

This grant scheme is aimed towards organisations that are planning a project to target anti-litter or anti-graffiti measures. Organisations are invited to apply for grant aid to co-fund public education and awareness initiatives on the subject of litter and graffiti. Funding has been allocated to twelve organisations for Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti projects in 2012.

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2012

Local Agenda 21 is a process which facilitates sustainable development at community level. Fifteen projects taking place throughout Mayo have been awarded funding in 2012. Eligible projects under this scheme support and complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, climate change, air, water, sustainable development etc.



‘Nature orienteering’ was a biodiversity programme held for primary schools and was co-funded by Mayo County Council under the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Grant Scheme

Litter Management

Following a public consultation process in early 2011, the Litter Management Plan 2011 – 2014 for County Mayo was adopted by the full Council. Strict enforcement of litter legislation continued to be a priority in this plan in 2012. Detailed measures that were undertaken during the life of the previous Litter Management Plan are continuing and litter control measures, current and planned initiatives are set out under the following headings:

1. Public Awareness and Advisory measures
2. Youth Education measures
3. Community and Voluntary Groups co-operational measures
4. Partnership and consultative measures /Planning
5. Enforcement Measures

Water Framework Directive

The Water Framework Directive was transposed into Irish Law by the EC Water Policy Regulations, 2003. These regulations established a number of statutory deadlines for the river basin planning process. The directive applies to rivers, lakes, groundwater, estuaries and coastal waters. Member States must aim to achieve good status in all waters by **2015** and must ensure that status does not deteriorate in any waters.

Ireland is divided into 8 River Basin Districts (RBD’s) to allow for the co-ordinated management and implementation of the Water Framework Directive. Mayo is part of the Western RBD. Galway County Council as the coordinating local authority for the Western River Basin District published the plan in May 2010.

Swimming Pools

Mayo County Council is directly involved in the operation of 6 swimming pools in the County. In conjunction with the 2 town councils, pools are operated in Castlebar and Ballina while grants are made to swimming pool committees for the annual operations at Kilmovee and Ballaghadereen.

The Council in agreement with the HSE is also involved in the maintenance of the swimming pool at the O' Dwyer Cheshire Home which due to the Councils' initiative is now available on a limited basis to the public.

The leisure facility which replaced the old swimming pool in Claremorris is operated by the former swimming pool committee in conjunction with Mayo County Council.

Burial Grounds



With a total of 156 burial grounds in Co. Mayo, community groups now maintain 105 of them with a financial contribution given towards maintenance by Mayo County Council. Community involvement is encouraged as much as possible. Shrule Burial Ground (pictured above) was chosen as best kept burial ground in 2012.

Derelict Sites

A survey of all towns and villages was undertaken by area staff to update the position with regard to the registration of all derelict sites. Owners of these sites have been notified of the Council's intentions to have the sites rendered non derelict. All sites are entered on the Register of Derelict Sites which is available for public inspection. There are 83 sites registered at present. It is intended to introduce a levy on derelict sites for all prescribed urban areas and valuations of these sites will be carried out in early 2013.

Bottle /Textile Banks

Mayo County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Connaught Waste Plan has provided over 100 bottle banks at numerous locations throughout the County. Over 2250 tonnes of glass and 106 tonnes of aluminium were recovered in 2012.

The network of bring banks throughout the county allows for the convenient recovery of bottles and aluminium cans from householders. The location and type of recyclables accepted at individual sites can be checked on www.mayococo.ie/Environment or www.Repak.ie.

Our Beaches

The 25th anniversary of the Blue Flag Awards which began in France in 1987 took place on 7th June 2012 on the Velvet Strand, Portmarnock with the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Mr. Phil Hogan, TD presenting the awards for Blue Flags and Green Coasts to 14 local authorities.

An application for each beach must be made every year by the authority managing the beach. An international jury then decides if the beach merits the award which is decided upon by meeting the following criteria:-

- (a) Water Quality
- (b) Environmental Information and education
- (c) Safety and Services
- (d) Environmental management

Of the 87 Blue Flags and 56 Green Coasts awarded, Mayo received 13 Blue Flags for the following beaches:

Elly Bay	Mullaghroe	Golden Strand	Clare Island
Dugort	Mulranny	Keel	Carrowmore
Bertra	Doega	Keem	Old Head
Ross			

Green Coast awards were also given on the day with 7 beaches of White Strand, Silver Strand, Carrowniskey, Cross, Termon, Srah and Portacloy being acknowledged for excellent water quality and also prized for a natural, unspoilt environment.

A "natural, unspoilt environment means that the special character of such a beach may not be compatible with the level of infrastructure and intensive management generally associated with more urban, traditional seaside resort beaches.



Keem Beach 2012

HOUSING AND BUILDING

General

2012 has been another challenging year for Mayo County Council in the Housing Service. The challenges faced by the service during the year and into 2013 include:

- Managing the demand led grant schemes with limited financial resources, yet ensuring that the schemes can meet applicants' needs in a timely fashion;
- Continuing to invest in the housing stock through a planned programme of refurbishing casual vacancies and continuing the refurbishment of occupied stock to the extent of the resources available. With the registration process for septic tanks completed, attention will now have to focus on a maintenance programme to meet standards.
- Meeting Social Housing Support from a limited number of casual vacancies supplemented by the Rental Accommodation Scheme and Leasing rather than the traditional direct provision of social housing. Special needs and rural housing applications will have to be prioritised under the limited Capital Programme for new build.
- Continue to provide access to home purchase by funding mortgages for the Tenant Purchase Scheme, Private Housing, and Incremental Purchase of Housing Stock.
- Managing the collection of housing rents and housing loan repayments in very challenging times for our tenants and mortgage holders. 2013 will also see the introduction of a new National Rent Scheme for all social housing tenants.
- The discontinuation of the existing Tenant Purchase Scheme to be replaced by an Incremental Purchase model may have implications for Internal Capital receipts funding from which Casual Vacancy and Refurbishment Schemes are part funded.

Housing policy

Capital Programme 2012

As part of the Annual Housing Action Plan review process Mayo County Council meets with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government twice a year to discuss the Housing Capital programme. The primary purpose of these meetings is to (i) confirm the financial and physical output for the year, including progress under the Social Leasing Initiative and (ii) to also outline the parameters within which the Housing Investment Programme should be prepared, for the coming year.

The Housing Construction Programme delivered during 2012 was a reduced programme of prioritised works in line with Mayo County Council's Housing Capital Allocation for the year.

This reduced programme saw a further significant reduction in the level of 'new-build' activity throughout the County.

Housing Capital Allocations for 2012 were only adequate to meet existing construction commitments, and permitted six no. extensions and one new rural housing unit.

Funding was also prioritised under the Energy Efficiency Programme (EEP) which permitted the up-grading of 20 no. units in Ballycastle.

In terms of future social housing supply, the Department's current policy and focus is centred on a suite of non-construction supply options, including the Social Housing Leasing Initiative, and the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS). Engagement with the Voluntary/Co-operative and Private sectors in terms of meeting future social housing need is also being strongly promoted.



Parkview, Swinford

Competitions 2012

A total of 14 units were completed in 2012, including scheme and rural housing units, extensions, special works and acquisitions.

The completions for the County at large are detailed in Table 1:

Mayo Completions 2012

Table 1

	Schemes	Rural s	Exts	SWI L	Misc	Totals
Ballina Town Council	2 no. Mount Assumpta	-	3	-	-	5
Ballina Electoral Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swinford Electoral Area	-	1	2	2	-	5
North East Region	2	1	5	2	-	10

	Schemes	Rural s	Exts	SWI L	Misc	Totals
Castlebar Town Council	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castlebar Electoral Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claremorris Electoral Area	-	-	1	-	-	1
South Region	-	-	1	-	-	1
	Schemes	Rural s	Exts	SWI L	Misc	Totals
Westport Town Council	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westport Electoral Area	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belmullet Electoral Area	-	3	-	-	-	3
West Region	-	3	-	-	-	3
Total Completions	2	4	6	2	-	14

Housing Developments completed in 2012 included:

Mount Assumpta, Ballina – An in-fill housing development comprising 2 no. 2 Bedroom units



Mount Assumpta, Ballina

House Starts 2012

A total of 7 starts were achieved in 2012 through housing units including rural housing, extensions, special works and acquisitions.

The Starts for the County at large are detailed in Table 2:

Mayo Starts 2012

Table 2

	Schemes	Rural s	Exts	SWIL	Misc	Totals
Ballina Town Council	0	0	3	0	0	3
Ballina Electoral Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swinford Electoral Area	0	0	2	0	0	2
North East Region	0	0	5	0	0	5
	Schemes	Rural s	Exts	SWIL	Misc	Totals
Castlebar Town Council	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlebar Electoral Area	0	0	1	0	0	1
Claremorris Electoral Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
South East Region	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Schemes	Rural s	Exts	SWIL	Misc	Totals
Westport Town Council	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westport Electoral Area	0	1	0	0	0	1
Belmullet Electoral Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Region	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total Starts	0	1	6	0	0	7

Grants Schemes

The Council operates the new Grants Schemes, comprising:

- Housing Aid for Older People
- Mobility Aids Grants
- Housing Adaption Grants for people with disability.

The Council received an allocation of **€2,575,216** for Housing Grants for the year.

As can be seen from the table below, a total of **622** grants were approved during the year and **642** grants were paid in 2012 at a value of **€2,602,686**.

The scheme is monitored closely in order to ensure that approvals and payments are kept in line with the allocation received.

	Grants Approved	Grants Paid	Value €
Housing Aid for Older People	386	426	1,759,523
Mobility Aids Grant	193	165	465,483
Housing Adaptation Grant	43	51	377,680
TOTAL	622	642	2,602,686

Voluntary Housing

The Voluntary Housing Construction Programme saw work continue on the Clar IRD Development of 36 units at Mayfield, Claremorris.

Approval was also received to progress the Irish Wheelchair Association Scheme at Logmore, Belmullet.

Voluntary Housing 2012

Schemes Under Construction 2012	
Mayfield Clar IRD	36 units
Total	36 units

Schemes at Planning Stage 2012 / 2013

	Units
Glenamoy VHA	10
Foxford Vincent De Paul	12
Ballinrobe Vincent De Paul	14
Ballina Mayo Mental Health	12
Belmullet Irish Wheelchair Ass.	29
Swinford Mayo Mental Health	12
Breaffy, Castlebar Irish Wheelchair Ass.	4
Attymass, Ballina	7
Westport Road, Castlebar, Castlebar Social Services	10
Tulrahan, Claremorris, Brickens HA	1
Total	111

Refurbishment Programme

- **Long Term Voids:** In the Budget for 2012, a special provision was made for dealing with casual vacancies in the housing stock during the course of the year. A total of **€10,710** was invested throughout the County. There will also be a provision in the 2013 Budget to continue this programme.
- **Refurbishment Programme 2000 – 2013:** Mayo County Council initiated a major Refurbishment Programme of all Housing stock in 2002. The Programme will see approximately **€15m** invested in the housing stock through the County. It will ensure that every house is brought to an acceptable standard of physical fabric, comfort and appearance. Work began in 2002, targeting initially rural houses which were surveyed and tendered in blocks on an Electoral Area basis.
- **Schemes:** The Programme has now moved on to the refurbishment of schemes, which by their nature are more complex, given the mixed public / private ownership and the requirement to upgrade external open space.
- In 2012, work was completed on 20 no. units in Ballycastle under the Energy Efficiency Programme augmented from Housing Internal receipts. Survey work has been carried out on Springfield, Bangor Erris, with a view to progressing it under this Scheme in 2013.



**Energy Efficiency Programme: Sea View Place, Ballycastle
Upgrading of BER to houses including energy efficient heating systems, replacement windows & doors, new porches & external hard landscaping**

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

The Rental Accommodation Scheme was introduced to Mayo Local Authorities in July, 2006 and a dedicated unit has been established to oversee the successful delivery of the project. The RAS unit currently comprises three full time and one part-time staff, with a technical support being provided by each Electoral Area & Town Council, as required.

At the 31st December 2012, Mayo County Council assumed responsibility for 1,179 units (417 from Voluntary Sector & 762 from Private Sector).

There are currently 1,670 long-term recipients of rent supplement within Mayo, all of whom will have to be accommodated under RAS. This continues to represent a significant challenge for Mayo County Council, who will have responsibility for all of these clients.

Following a change in the assessment procedures (in April 2012) all potential clients must now make an application for Social Housing Support to their local Housing Department. If an applicant is deemed eligible the Housing Authority will decide how that need is to be met. If RAS is the identified solution then the file will be referred to the RAS unit and arrangements will be made to source suitable accommodation. All clients rent contribution will be calculated in accordance with the Differential Rents Scheme.

Existing RAS clients (i.e. those transferred before 13th June, 2011) can be considered for a transfer to Social Housing, if a suitable vacancy becomes available if they had notified their local housing department within the specified time period.

The process of transferring eligible clients to RAS will continue and RAS is now an integral and widely accepted part of the housing service being offered by Mayo Local Authorities.

Radon Testing 2012

Mayo County Council continued its radon testing programme in council houses during 2012.

During the year, each rural council dwelling house in the Claremorris area was tested for radon. Of the 24 houses tested only two showed readings which were at a level at which remediation works were required.

As a precaution, radon remediation works are being carried out on these units. All the other units tested showed completely safe levels of radon present.

Radon sample testing will continue again in 2013 with council units in the Ballinrobe area being given priority.

Over 300 Council houses have been tested for radon levels in the county since the Radon Sample Testing Programme was introduced in 2010. Since that time almost 90% of the houses tested have had completely safe levels of radon present.

The remaining houses have all had remediation works carried out although the levels present barely exceeded the recommended safe level in many cases.

Traveller Accommodation

Achievements in 2012

Mayo County Council have continued to provide for the accommodation needs of Travellers using the full range of housing options available, as outlined in the implementation strategy of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2009 – 2013. Significant progress has been made. The target for 2012 was exceeded with 44 families accommodated versus a target of 22.

It is expected the Targets will continue to be surpassed for 2013 by utilising all types of accommodation available, with the aim being to successfully accommodate as many families as possible.

Electoral Area	T.A.P 2009 – 2013 5year Target	T.A.P. 2009-2013 Annual Target	Total Total Achieved 2012	Local Authority Achieved 2012	Private Rented Sector 2012	RAS 2012	Vol Groups & Other 2012	Families in Unauthorised Encampments/Private Yards
Ballina	29	6	23*	3 *Includes 1 t/f	17	3	0	2 3 private yards*
Swinford	1	1 over 5 yrs	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kilkelly	3	3 over 5 yrs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kiltimagh	2	3 over 5 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foxford	1	2 over 5yrs	1	1	0	0	0	1
Charles town	5	1 over 5 yrs	1	1	0	0	0	1
Castlebar	17	4	7*	*1 t/f	6	0	0	3
Claremorris	2	2 over 5yrs	2	0	2	0	0	1
Knock	7	1 over 5yrs	2	0	2	0	0	0
Ballyhaunis	1	1 over 5yrs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ballinrobe	3	1 over 5yrs	5	1t/f	4	0	0	0
Westport	1	1 over 5 yrs	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	71	22	44	7	34	3	0	7 + 3 private with permission from owner

ARCHITECTS

The Architects Department is a multi-discipline office, providing a centralised Design, Procurement, Management and Architectural Consultancy Service to all departments and regional directorates of Mayo County Council. The Department also provides important technical and procurement assistance to each of the Town Architects located in the three Town Councils.

The office encompasses a range of in-house technical and administrative expertise and is comprised of:

- Architects
- Engineers
- Conservation Officer
- Architectural technicians
- Horticulturalists
- Clerks of Works
- Clerical staff

The Local Authority's Capital Works Programme for 2012 saw the Architects Department involved in a variety of new developments including the fit-out of the new Library and Cultural Centre in Swinford, Town & Urban Improvement Works, new Amenity Facilities, Housing Remedial and Energy Efficient Programmes, together with many other Refurbishment and Conservation building projects through out the County.

Other 'non-construction' related work areas in which the Architects Department have had an increasing involvement over the year include:

- Administration of the "Structures at Risk" Grants Scheme
- Planning & Architectural Conservation Consultancy Services
- Facilitation of various Heritage Surveys
- Facilitation of Town & Village Design Statements.
- Facilitation of Public Art,
- Maintenance & Management of Turlough Park Gardens
- Facilitation of the Sports Capital Programme.

Capital Programme - Housing

The multi-annual programme for 2012 a further reduction in the level of 'new-build' activity throughout the County compared to the previous year. Housing Capital Allocations for 2012 only permitted a very limited number of 'new starts' relating to one-off rural units throughout the county.

Housing related activity within Mayo County Council was therefore mainly focused on remedial and energy efficiency up-grade works. 2012 saw the completion and re-occupation of the Parkview Estate, in Charlestown, following major refurbishment.



The Remedial Works Scheme (RWS) in Parkview, Charlestown, now occupied



Energy efficiency enhancement works were also undertaken on 20 units within the Sea view, Ballycastle Estate. Enhancement works included the following energy upgrade measures:

1. Increased insulation to roof spaces to achieve a high U-value
2. New pumped cavity insulation.
3. High energy performance windows and doors
4. Insulation to new water tanks and hot water pipes.
5. Sustainable measures include solar panel water heating systems.
6. Provision of Central Heating System and high efficiency boilers
7. Provision of 'Stove' feature to open fireplaces

Environmental enhancement works were also undertaken which included new paving works to existing courtyard areas, new front and rear boundaries where required and external painting of dwellings.



The Enhancemnt works (EEP) undertaken in Sea-View, Ballycastle now complete

Library & Cultural Projects

2012 also saw the fit-out and occupation of the recently completed Library & Cultural Centre in Swinford. The project which involved the refurbishment of the old railway goods shed for use as a Cultural and Community centre and the construction of a new purpose built and state of the art library, are located adjacent to the Mayo County Council Area offices at Swinford. Both facilities are now open to the public.



Interior view of the newly constructed Swinford Library



Interior view of the newly refurbished 'Railway Goods Shed' and the beautiful kingpost trusses visible in the interior of the space - now to be used as a Cultural & Community Centre

The Architects Department also coordinated the Exhibition and Multi-media fit-out of the ‘Jackie Clarke Collection’, which was delivered by external consultants Martello Media. The Collection is now housed in the Former Provincial Bank located on Pearse Street, in Ballina. The collection which spans over 400 years, with the earliest item dating back to 1617, comprises many rare and important books on the history of Ireland and contains manuscripts, photographs, legal papers, newspapers etc and proclamations including an original copy of the 1916 Proclamation. The Collection opened to the public in December of 2012.



The newly refurbished Former Provincial Bank - now home to the Jackie Clarke Collection



Interior view of the Jackie Clarke Collection Library room



Interior view of the Jackie Clarke Collection Map room



A view of some of the many 'treasures' on display from the Jackie Clarke Collection

Recreational, Community & Service Facilities

The Architects Department was also directly involved in a major refurbishment of the Outdoor Swimming Pool Facility in Ballyhaunis, which was completed in 2012.

These works were grant assisted by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport under their Programme for Energy and Access Enhancement of Local Authority Swimming Pools.



Entrance to the newly refurbished outdoor swimming pool in Ballyhaunis

Refurbishment works undertaken included:

- Construction of new accessible changing & reception facilities with enhanced Energy efficient fit-out.
- Waterproofing and new internal lining system of the pool tank.
- New non-slip paving to pool apron and the provision of a pool hoist to assist with access to the pool.
- Refurbishment of the pool plant and circuit pipe work throughout.



Exterior view of the newly refurbished outdoor pool and surrounding paved areas



Interior view of the new bright, spacious and accessible changing facilities at the Ballyhaunis Pool facility

Completed also in 2012, was the Claremorris Depot Salt Barn which consisted of the construction of a new large Road Salt Storage Barn to service the south east of the county.

Construction works also commenced on a new Community Facility for Westport Town Council, which is located in the Quay area of the town. Works are due to be completed in 2013.



On-going works on the new Quay Community Centre, for Westport Town Council

Town & Urban Improvement Works

2012 saw the continued delivery of The ‘Castlebar Town Centre Improvement Programme’ - a major Urban Environmental Improvement project undertaken by Castlebar Town Council in conjunction with Mayo County Council.

2012 saw works completed on ‘Mountain View’ and on the Mall, together with a new Public Car-park facility at the site of the former tennis club on Pavilion Road.

Works undertaken included the provision of new generous footpaths, pedestrian crossings and parking rationalization and landscaping works - rendering the environment a safer, more attractive and amenable place for the pedestrian.

A new and very effective Christmas Decorative Lighting Scheme was also completed along the Courthouse Avenue of the Mall in 2012.

Conservation, Planning & Architectural Heritage Consultancy Services

The Architects Department has since 2010 taken on the duties and responsibilities associated with the role of Conservation Officer for Mayo County Council.

As part of these duties and responsibilities during 2012, the Conservation Officer provided advice and reports to the Planning Department, in relation to protected structures and planning applications, with input into the preparation of the draft development plan, particularly in relation to architectural heritage.

Assistance was also provided to community groups and LEADER to secure funding for built heritage projects and traditional skills training. Traditional skills training was provided through LEADER in traditional ironwork, working with lime, dry stone walling and hedge laying, in association with the Conservation Office and the Heritage Office.



Traditional Ironwork Workshop 2012

Structures at Risk Fund 2012

The purpose of the Structures at Risk Fund is to assist with works to safeguard structures protected under the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2011, and, in certain cases, works to safeguard structures within Architectural Conservation Areas, where, in the opinion of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, an urgent need for works to such structures has arisen and has been demonstrated.

Applications were invited for the Structures at Risk Fund in April 2012 by notice on the council website. Five eligible grant applications were received and two submissions were prioritised for submission to the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval. The following two submissions were successful in gaining grant approval.



Foxford Parish Church



Milford House

Grant funding was awarded to Foxford Parish Church for essential repair works to the roof, including associated repairs to leadwork and rainwater goods.

The owners of Milford House received grant funding towards roof repairs including the re-use of the original slates with associated leadwork and rainwater goods. Repairs were also carried out using lime mortar.

All works were required to be carried out in accordance with the Department's Conservation Guidelines.

Assessment of grant applications, inspection of the conservation works and the administration of the Structures at Risk Fund form part of this service.

Architectural Consultancy Services

The Architects Department, in conjunction with the Heritage Office, assisted in the preparation of the following Village Design Statements, which were facilitated through funding provided by the Heritage council:

Cong 2012- 2013 Village Design Statement – currently at public consultation stage.

A Village Design Statement is a community-led, design-focused document, which describes the visual qualities and the distinctive character of a village, and presents a clear future vision along with design guidelines.

The Village Design Statement identifies the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the village, and then makes proposals and identifies solutions to maximise on the village's potential as an attractive place to live in or visit.

The aim of a Village Design Statement is to ensure that future development and change will have regard to the unique attributes of the village and its historical context and contribute positively to the future of the village.

The village Design Statement also aims to:

- Raise community awareness about their surrounding landscape and heritage assets;
- Provide the community with a useful “tool” to ensure that future developments and changes add to local distinctiveness and character;
- Link into the planning system so that planners can use them to improve the local distinctiveness of design proposals;
- Assist local authority planners, architects, developers and others with local guidance up front and;
- Generate and develop overall community confidence and capacity building.

Mayo a ‘FUN’ place to be!

Between the years 2000 and 2012 the Architects Department has facilitated the development of a total of 56 public recreational facilities at 33 different locations throughout the county. Such facilities included Playgrounds, Multi Use Games Areas, Out Door Gyms, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts and Skate Parks.

All these projects were carried out in partnership with community groups and were funded in some instances by the Local Authority, LEADER, Central Government, or through Community Fund raising but in most instances through a combination of all the above funding sources.

This significant investment has seen a network of Public Recreational Facilities spread across the county to be enjoyed by local communities and visitors alike. County Mayo is now recognised as one of the best served counties in the country in terms of the provision of public recreational facilities.



Recreational facilities developed, managed and maintained by Mayo Local Authorities over the period 2000 – 2012 include:

Castlebar Directorate	Location	Facility	Year Constructed
Ballyhaunis	Friary Grounds	Playground	2006
Ballyhaunis	Friary Grounds	MUGA	2009
Balla	Mayo Abbey Road	Playground	2009
Balla	Mayo Abbey Road	MUGA	2011
Balla	Mayo Abbey Road	Tennis Court	2011
Ballindine	Community Centre	Playground	2007
Ballinrobe	Show Grounds	Playground	2006
Ballinrobe	Churchview	MUGA	2011
Ballinrobe	Churchview	Playground	2011
Castlebar	An Sruthan	Playground	2007
Castlebar	Cois Abhann	Playground	2007
Castlebar	Saleen	Playground	2009
Castlebar	Saleen	MUGA	2009
Castlebar	Lough Lannagh	Playground	2003
Castlebar	Lough Lanagh	MUGA	2009
Castlebar	Town Park	MUGA	2011
Castlebar	Town Park	Outdoor Gym	2011
Claremorris	Mayfield	Playground	2006
Knock	Main Carpark	Playground	2006
Irishtown	Village	Playground	2010
Irishtown	Village	MUGA	2010

Ballina Directorate	Location	Facility	Year Constructed
Ballina	Town Park	Playground	2000
Ballina	Town Park	MUGA	2007
Ballina – Ard na Ri	Neighbourhood Park	MUGA	2009

Ballina – Ard na Ri	Neighbourhood Park	Playground	2011
Ballina	Bunree Neighbourhood Park	MUGA	2010
Ballina – Bunree	Neighbourhood Park	Playground	2010
Ballina	Crossmolina Rd., Neighbourhood Park	MUGA	2010
Ballina	Crossmolina Rd., Neighbourhood Park	Playground	2010
Ballina-Foxford Rd.	Neighbourhood Park	MUGA	2011
Crossmolina	Mullenmore North	Playground	2007
Charlestown	Town Park	Playground	2009
Charlestown	Town Park	MUGA	2009
Foxford	Church Carpark	Playground	2009
Killala	Town Park	Playground	2010
Killala	Town Park	MUGA	2010
Swinford	Brabazon Park	Playground	2008
Kilkelly	The Village	MUGA	2010
Kilkelly	The Village	Playground	2009

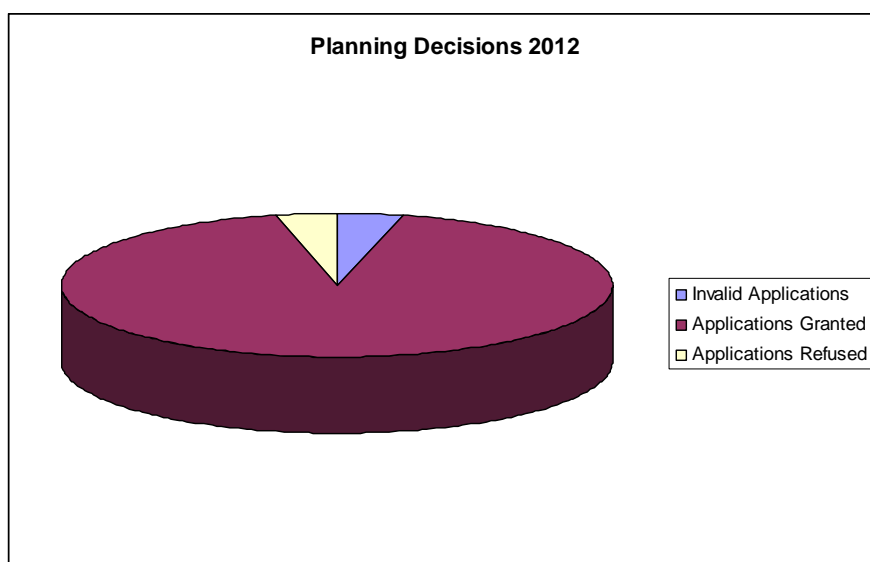
Westport Directorate	Location	Facility	Year Constructed
Keel	Sandy Banks	Playground	2010
Keel	Sandy Banks	MUGA	2010
Belmullet	Civic Centre	Playground	2006
Belmullet	Civic Centre	MUGA	2010
Belmullet	Civic Centre	Youth Zone	2010
Belmullet	Civic Centre	Outdoor Gym	2010
Pollranny	Adjacent to VEC	MUGA	2011
Westport	Leisure Centre	Playground	2006
Westport	Bog Gate Field	Playground	2010
Westport	Greenway Rec. Park	MUGA	2011
Westport	Greenway Rec. Park	Skate Park	2011
Westport	Greenway Rec. Park	Outdoor Gym	2011

Louisburgh	Cois Abhann	Playground	2008
Newport	Quay	Playground	2002
Ballycroy	Village	Playground	2006
Killeen	Community Centre	Playground	2011
Westport	Tubberhill	Playground	2010

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The core workload of the Planning Department has always been the processing of planning applications and the formulation of Development Plans for the County and the Town Council areas and the formulation of Local Areal Plans for the main towns. However, with the economic downturn and changing circumstances the variety and extent of responsibilities has expanded considerably. In addition to the aforementioned core workload, the responsibilities of the Planning Department has now expanded to include unfinished estates, taking in charge of estates, quarry registration, enforcement of quarry legislation and conditions, general enforcement and pursuit and collection of development contributions and bonds. In addition, the very successful weekly preplanning clinics and our e-planning initiatives have ensured that our service to the public has also expanded.

Planning Decisions 2012



Applications Received: 1070

Invalid Applications: 42

Applications Granted: 969

Applications Refused: 37

Development Plans

Since the beginning of 2012 the Forward Planning Section has undertaken a wide range of projects in the area of land-use planning and policy formulation both in fulfilment of its statutory obligations as well as non-statutory projects; the overall aim being to support and facilitate proper planning and sustainable development throughout the county. A significant part of the work undertaken during 2012 was necessitated by the requirement (under the Planning & Development [Amendment] Act 2012) to bring the existing six Local Area Plans into line with the County Development Plan, following the incorporation of a Core Strategy into that Plan in 2011.

Environmental assessments required in respect of such projects i.e. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment are now an integral part of the Forward Planning workload and a dedicated SEA officer is now located in the Forward Planning Section.

Projects completed in 2012 are as follows:

Development Plans

Variations were made to the following Development Plans:

- Variation No. 2 of Westport Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 made March 2012 to include a Core Strategy and associated amendments.
- Variation No. 3 of Westport Town and Environs Development Plan 2010-2016 made July 2012 to realign the proposed road corridor north of the town.

Local Area Plans

(i) Amendments were made to the following Local Area Plans in July 2012 to ensure they were in alignment with the Core Strategy in Mayo County Development Plan 2008-2014:

- Ballinrobe Local Area Plan 2010-2016
- Ballyhaunis Local Area Plan 2010-2016
- Charlestown-Bellaghy Local Area Plan 2010-2016
- Kiltimagh Local Area Plan 2010-2016

(ii) A new Local Area Plan, Ireland West Airport Knock Local Area Plan 2012-2018 was made in October 2012. This is the first statutory Land Use Plan made for this area and supports the Council's objective in seeking its designation as a Strategic Development Zone by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government

(iii) A new draft Local Area Plan for Claremorris was prepared and is currently on display until the end of January 2013.

Projects commenced and ongoing

- (i) The statutory review of Mayo County Development Plan 2008-2014 commenced in April 2012 and a new draft Plan will be published in early 2013.
- (ii) The statutory review of the Castlebar Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 commenced in April 2012 and a new draft Plan will be published early 2013.
- (iii) Variation No. 3 of the Castlebar Town and Environs Development Plan 2008-2014 commenced in October 2012 and is anticipated to be completed in early 2013. The reason for the proposed variation is to reroute the proposed road corridor east and south of Castlebar (N5 Westport to Bohola Road Project)
- (iv) A draft policy document on Community Benefit Contributions for certain major developments was prepared earlier this year and put on public display during July – September 2012. A Manager’s report is currently being prepared on the submissions received.
- (v) A Retail Floor Survey was carried out during September-October to ascertain the amount of trading retail floor space in the key towns (with the exception of Westport) as part of the review of the County Development Plan.

All of the above work is now carried out in-house, without reference to external consultants.

Planning Clinics

Planning Clinics are held in each of the six electoral areas every Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm. 300 Planning Clinics were held in 2012. No appointments are necessary to attend these clinics and topics covered include:

- Current planning applications
- Development Plan queries
- Pre-planning enquiries
- Compliance issues and clarifications

E-Planning

In 2012 Mayo County Council remained one of only two local authorities in Ireland to offer both online planning applications and online submissions. There were 14 submissions made online in 2012. 31 Planning Applications were lodged via the online service and they were categorised as follows:

- 16 Domestic Extensions
- 15 Dwelling Houses

In 2012, the planning section of Mayo County Council's website received approximately 258,376 page views by 80,742 website visitors.

Quarries

During 2012, statutory determinations were made on 127 quarry sites within the county, under Section 261(A) of the Planning and Development Act 2010 and notices were served on all quarry owners.

Unfinished Housing Estates

In October 2010, the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government published a National Housing Development Survey, of over 2,846 unfinished developments. The survey revealed that there were a significant number of housing developments countrywide where houses had been commenced but had not yet been fully completed. The survey identified a total of 128 unfinished housing developments in County Mayo. The developments vary in size, development type (apartments, town houses, mixed use development, housing estates) and occupancy rates. Also, the works required to finish each development vary enormously from just an internal fit out required for some units to more serious problems on what could be termed abandoned building sites where partially constructed units, building rubble, excavators and compounds remain unsecured on site.

Initial work

Following the publication of the survey, files were set up for all 128 estates and a detailed site inspection was carried out to check and confirm the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government results. Initially, the short term priority centred on public safety, and determining whether all housing construction sites were active or inactive and were safe, from a public safety perspective. To aid this process, in March 2011 circular 'HFPD 1/11 & PSSP 2/11 Unfinished Housing Developments & Public Safety (PSI) was issued, which provided funding of €5m to local authorities to deal with immediate safety issues on unfinished developments.

Housing developments that are active places of work fall under the remit of the Health & Safety Authority (HSA) and where a housing estate is no longer a place of work the public safety issues fall to the developer.

In accordance with the Public Safety Initiative circular the estates were categorised according to the following criteria:

Category 1: development was mainly complete and the developer is still active on site and there is no public safety issue. (*Mayo: 65 estates*)

Category 2: where a receiver is in place and the development is being appropriately managed from a public safety perspective (*Mayo: 1 estate*)

Category 3: where the developer is in place but there is no on-site work and the developer is responsible for managing the public safety issue. (*Mayo: 61 estates*)

Category 4: where there is no on-site work and where the ***developer is uncontactable***, there has being no receiver appointed and where public safety issues are present. (*Mayo: 1 estate*)

Following on from this, housing developments with potential public safety issues were prioritised and resurveyed and the necessary safety works were identified and costed by the relevant Area Engineers. All developers were informed in writing of the necessary works, and remedial works were carried out by some developers. In other situations where no works were carried out, the files were referred to the Health & Safety Authority (HSA). Case Study 1 is concerned with public safety and Mayo County Councils application for funding under the Public Safety Initiative.

Case Study 1

Public Safety

65 units 22 partially built, 43 not started

Further to the Public Safety Initiative (PSI), Mayo County Council made an application for funding for one housing estate which is a category 4 developments consisting of 50 housing units and 15 apartments located in Castlebar Town. The principal public safety issue identified through the inspection was that the site was not effectively secured and was easily accessible from the public road. The necessary remedial work was identified and estimated by the Town Engineer and subsequently a submission was made and the required funding was successfully approved by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in September/October 2011. The works were carried out by the Castlebar Area Office and involved the erection of security fencing along the public road.



Before



After



Before



After

Site Resolution Plans

Following on from the publication of the Public Safety Initiative Circular, it was decided to request Site Resolution Plans (SRP's) for the more problematic developments and in particular estates where residents were present. To date, a significant number of SRP's have been received, as a result of on-going consultation between Mayo County Council and the developer/receiver. The following three case studies demonstrate how major issues of concern on unfinished estates have been resolved. The first case study involves the use of a cash deposit, the second is an example of where a receiver was appointed and the third example is where the estate has been resolved through the planning process.

It is important to emphasise that these developments are still categorised as unfinished developments, nonetheless substantial work has been carried out, showing a marked improvement and thereby improving the quality of life for residents.

Case study 2

Use of Cash Deposit

37 houses, 26 built, 2 demolished, 9 not started

A site resolution plan was requested by Mayo County Council in March 2012. On foot of this request the developer submitted a plan in late March, detailing the necessary works to be carried out in order to make the site safe and enhance the visual appearance of the development. In this instance a cash deposit was available and it was agreed to release the required funding to the developer once the works were carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.



Before



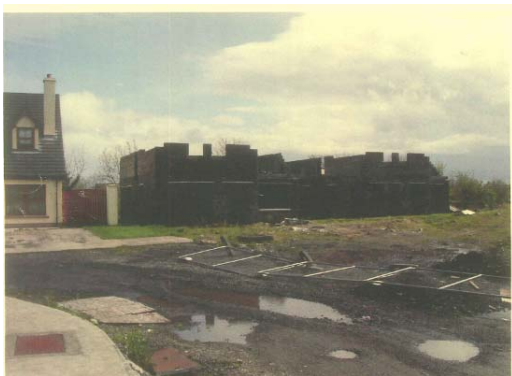
After



Before



After



Case study 3

Receiver Appointed

64 houses, 34 built, 22 not started

A SRP was submitted by the Receiver to Mayo County Council in June 2011. Following this, MCC and the receivers had an on-site meeting to agree the recommendations of the Plan. As a result, there has been on-going consultation between the receiver and Mayo County Councils planning and housing departments. To date extensive work has taken place on-site, works include clearing debris, reseeding vacant sites and removing hoarding. In essence there is no evidence of a building site anymore.



Before



Before

After



After





Case study 4
Planning Permission
52 houses 40 not started

The developer approached MCC to resolve the development issues in February 2012. Planning permission was granted for 52 houses in 2008 of which only 12 units were constructed. Following this, MCC met with the developer on several occasions and it was agreed to carry out minor works on site and subsequently submit a new planning application to retain the development on a smaller site. It is envisaged that the development will be removed from the list of unfinished estates in 2013.



Before



After



Before

After

Housing Developments Resolved

In addition to the submission of formal SRP's, extensive work has taken place on 54 unfinished developments to such degree that these estates can be considered resolved. The works included site clearance, reseeding, painting units, changes to exterior finishes, road resurfacing and building demolition. Following on from this, a meeting was held with the Housing Agency in early October 2012 confirming that the 54 developments can be removed from the list.

As a result, 42% of the total list has been resolved. Mayo County Council has submitted details of these estates to the Housing Agency.

Case study 5 is an example of a development where works have been carried out and therefore it can be removed from the list. To date, none of these developments have applied for "taking in charge".

Case Study 5
Development Finished
19 apartments

Following consultation between Mayo County Council and the developer, it was agreed to carry out works to finish the development. The work which involved the replacement of timber cladding with stone and painting has been successfully completed and Mayo County Council has reviewed confirmation from the Housing Agency that the development can be removed from the list.



Before



After



Before



After



Summary

Current Status

- 54 Estates are now considered complete (42%)
- 75 unfinished estates remain

2013 Work Programme

- Resurvey remaining 75
- Prioritise Estates
- Reduce List
- Taking in Charge of the 54 estates which are complete
- Enforcement
- Working with the DoE
- Ministers Proposals for 2013

Taking in Charge of Housing Estates

This process is managed by the Development Management Section of the Planning Department, working with the Planning Enforcement Unit and the relevant Local Electoral Area Office. 47 estates are currently being assessed by Mayo County Council with a view to taking in charge. The process is necessarily stringent with all the planning and engineering issues having to be resolved prior to taking in charge. Going forward, the work load is set to increase as ‘unfinished estates’ are resolved and brought up to a ‘taking in charge’ standard.

FIRE SERVICE

Mayo is a large rural County, which covers an area of 2,159 sq. miles and has a population of approximately 130,600 people, making it one of the largest fire authority areas in the country. Mayo County Fire Service, as one of the 37 fire authorities in the Country, serves this area.



It has a duty, under the Fire Services Acts, 1981 and 2003, to make provision for the organisation of fire Services, Fire Safety, Fire Fighting, the protection and rescue of persons and property and related matters. Mayo County Council is the Fire Authority for the administrative area of County Mayo and the three Town Council areas of Castlebar, Westport and Ballina.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Officers ensure that buildings are planned, designed, constructed and maintained in a safe manner from a fire safety point of view. There is a vast body of legislation under which the Fire Authority works; the two principal pieces of legislation are the Fire Services Acts, 1981 and 2003 and the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007. The Fire Prevention Officers, who are engaged in this highly specialised work area, are also involved in the processing of, inter alia, the following:

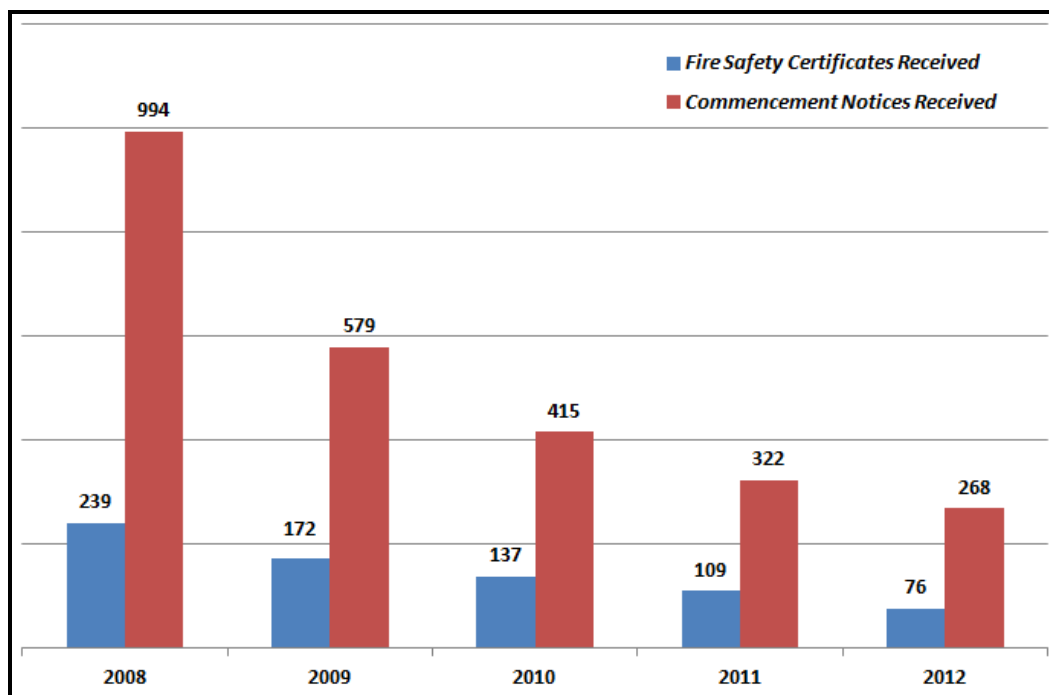
Fire Safety Certificates	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Applications Received</i>	239	172	137	109	76
<i>% Annual Change</i>	-23.6%	-28.9%	-20.3%	-20.4%	-30.3%
<i>Applications Invalid</i>	2	2	0	0	3
<i>Decisions Made</i>	253	139*	118	93	68
<i>Granted (With conditions)</i>	**	134	118	71	68
<i>Granted (Without conditions)</i>	**	5	0	22	0
<i>Applications Refused</i>	1	0	0	0	0

* 4 Local Authority developments included in this figure

** Not available

The Council also process Commencement Notice Applications, under of the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007, within the Fire Service. The number of Commencement Notice Applications received and processed is as follows:

Commencement Notices	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Applications Received</i>	994	579	415	322	268
<i>% Annual Change</i>	-27.2%	- 41.8%	-28.3%	-22.4%	-16.8%
<i>Applications Valid</i>	921	565	410	318	265
<i>Applications Invalid</i>	73	14	5	4	3



Summary of Fire Safety Certificate Applications and Commencement Notice Applications

Fire Prevention Officers also carry out inspections under Section 24 of the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003. This legislation covers the licensing of public houses, hotels, dance halls, clubs, restaurants, gaming and lottery premises etc.

The inspections carried out by the Fire Prevention Section are shown in the table below.

Inspection Category	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Section 24 Inspection (Licensing Applications)</i>	255	271	235	308
<i>Section 13 Inspection (Planning Applications)</i>	17	11	6	8
<i>Other Inspections</i>	107	77	34	114
<i>Total Inspections</i>	379	359	275	430

Fire Service Operations

The Council currently employs approximately 121 fire fighters in 12 fire stations and 2 first-aid fire fighting units located around the County. These fire fighters deal with a vast array of incidents annually, ranging from chimney fires, house fires, bog/forest fires, road traffic accidents, rescues and incidents involving hazardous materials.



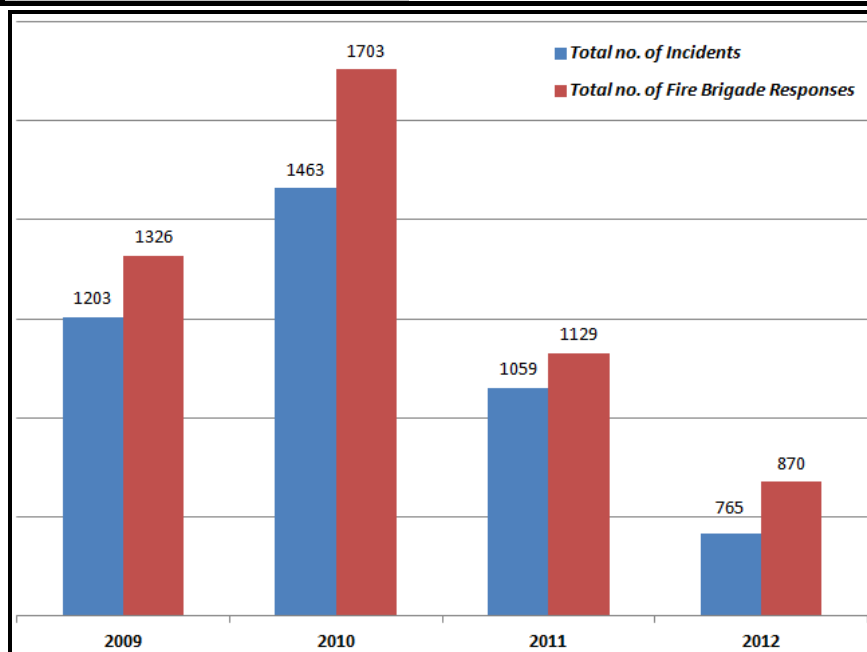
In 2012, Mayo County Fire Service attended 765 incidents, down 21.6% from 2011. A breakdown of the responses to incidents by brigades in Co Mayo is given in the table below.

Fire Brigade Activities	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Number of Fires Attended</i>	732	1064	750	499
<i>In own area</i>	706	1033	728	486
<i>In other fire authority area</i>	26	31	22	13
<i>Special Services Incidents</i>	294	265	205	172
<i>Road traffic accidents</i>	194	195	161	141
<i>Water pumping / flooding</i>	13	12	0	0
<i>Water rescue</i>	6	2	7	2
<i>Other non-fire rescues</i>	11	8	15	12
<i>Haz-Mat in transit</i>	35	18	1	1
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	35	30	21	16

<i>False Alarms</i>	177	134	104	94
<i>Malicious</i>	63	24	25	17
<i>Good intent</i>	114	110	79	77
<i>Total no. of Incidents</i>	1203	1463	1059	765
<i>Change from Previous Year</i>	-12	+260	-404	-294
<i>% Annual Change</i>	-1.0%	+21.6%	-27.6%	-27.8%

The 765 incidents in 2012 resulted in 870 fire brigade responses, i.e. actual fire brigades attending incidents. The 2012 figure represented a decrease of 22.9% from that recorded in 2011, as shown in the following table / chart.

Fire Brigade Attendances	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Total no. of Incidents</i>	1203	1463	1059	765
<i>Total no. of Attendances</i>	1326	1703	1129	870
<i>Change from Previous Year</i>	- 10	+377	-574	-259
<i>% Annual Change</i>	-0.7%	+28.4%	-33.7%	-22.9%
<i>Ratio of Attendances / Incidents</i>	1.102	1.164	1.066	1.137



Summary of Incidents Attended & Fire Brigade Responses

Fire Service Retirements

<i>Fire Service Retirements in 2012</i>			
<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Brigade</i>	<i>Details</i>
<i>Station Officer</i>	<i>Gerard Geraghty</i>	<i>Westport</i>	<i>Retired 28th February 2012 with over 38 years of service</i>
<i>Firefighter(s)</i>	<i>John Duffy</i>	<i>Westport</i>	<i>Retired 30th November 2012 with over 37 years of service</i>
	<i>Gerry Cawley</i>	<i>Ballinrobe</i>	<i>Retired 31st August 2012 with over 33 years of service</i>
	<i>Michael Duggan</i>	<i>Achill</i>	<i>Retired 28th February 2012 with over 8 years of service</i>

Long Service Awards to Fire Service Personnel

In 2012, six members of the Mayo County Council Fire Service received Long Service Awards. The awards were instituted by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to give recognition to personnel for periods of service with the fire service.

<i>Long Service Awards in 2012</i>	
<i>30 Years Award</i>	<i>Seamus Murphy, Chief Fire Officer, Fire Brigade HQ. Pete McDonnell, Station Officer, Castlebar Fire Brigade Pat Scahill, Firefighter, Westport Fire Brigade</i>
<i>20 Years Award</i>	<i>Tony Shevlin, Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Fire Brigade HQ. Tommy Gannon, Sub-Station Officer, Castlebar Fire Brigade Emmet Gavaghan, Driver/Mechanic, Charlestown Fire Brigade</i>

The award in recognition of 20 years' service takes the form of a medal bearing the traditional logo representation of the fire service - a helmet and crossed axes; the medal ribbon bears the Irish National Colours, with a central column in red to represent the fire service. The 30 years' award is a representation of a flame in emblematic form.



**Back (L-R): Tommy Gannon, Emmett Gavaghan, Pat Scahill, Pete McDonnell
Front (L-R): Tony Shevlin, Cathaoirleach Cyril Burke, Minister Fergal O'Dowd, Seamus Murphy CFO**

Presidential Garden Party

Mayo Fire Service personnel were honoured to have been invited to a Garden Party, hosted by President Higgins in July 2012. The Garden Party was organised to celebrate the work of the Emergency Services throughout Ireland.



From left to right: Jarleth Jennings (Claremorris Fire Brigade), Tony Shevlin (Fire Brigade HQ), Sabina Higgins, President Michael D. Higgins, Vincent Beattie (Ballina Fire Brigade)

Building Control & Planning Enforcement Section

Mayo County Council is the Building Control Authority for the administrative area of County Mayo, and the three Town Councils, Castlebar, Westport and Ballina. Mayo County Council is also the Planning Enforcement Authority for the administrative area of County Mayo, excluding the three Town Councils of Castlebar, Westport and Ballina.

The main functions of the Unit are to investigate written complaints received in relation to alleged unauthorised developments in accordance with the Planning and Development Act, 2000, and carry out random building control inspections under the Building Control Acts, 1990 and 2007, to ensure compliance with the Building Control Regulations, 1997 to 2009. The Planning Enforcement Activity is shown in the table below.

Description of Activity	2009	2010	2011	2012
<i>Number of complaints investigated</i>	237	175	110	168
<i>Number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed</i>	78	87	70	52
<i>Number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations</i>	102	63	56	36
<i>Number of enforcement procedures taken through Warning Letters</i>	143	139	82	90
<i>Number of prosecutions</i>	0	5	2	1
<i>Number of enforcement procedures taken through Enforcement Notices</i>	7	12	34	20
<i>Number of files currently with the County Council's Solicitor</i>	34	35	46	38

Duties carried out under the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007, also include the examination of Disability Access Certificate applications and the issuing of Disability Access Certificates.

Disability Access Certificates	2010*	2011	2012
<i>No. of valid Disability Access Certificates (DAC) applications</i>	39	60	34
<i>No. of DAC Applications Rejected as Invalid</i>	2	2	3
<i>No. of cases where the applicant was invited to submit Additional Information</i>	17	36	19

<i>No. of DAC applications where prescribed maximum period of time for considering applications was extended</i>		5		12		10
<i>Disability Access Certificates issued: -</i>		34		52		37
<i>Within 2 months</i>	30		41		29	
<i>Greater than 2 months</i>	4		11		8	
<i>Granted with conditions</i>	30		49		34	
<i>Granted without conditions</i>	4		3		3	
<i>No. of Disability Access Certificates Refused</i>		0		4		1

* **Figures represent period from April to December 2010 as first DAC's was received in April 2010.**

Building Regulations are made for specific purposes, e.g. to provide, in relation to buildings, for the health, safety and welfare of persons, the conservation of energy and access for all. Technical Specifications are relevant to the extent that they relate to these considerations. Building Control inspections are carried out on a limited number of new buildings as identified by valid commencement notices lodged, the purpose of which is to perform spot checks on compliance with the building regulations. In most instances breaches in the regulations are addressed through protracted negotiations. On occasion it is necessary to instigate legal enforcement proceedings.

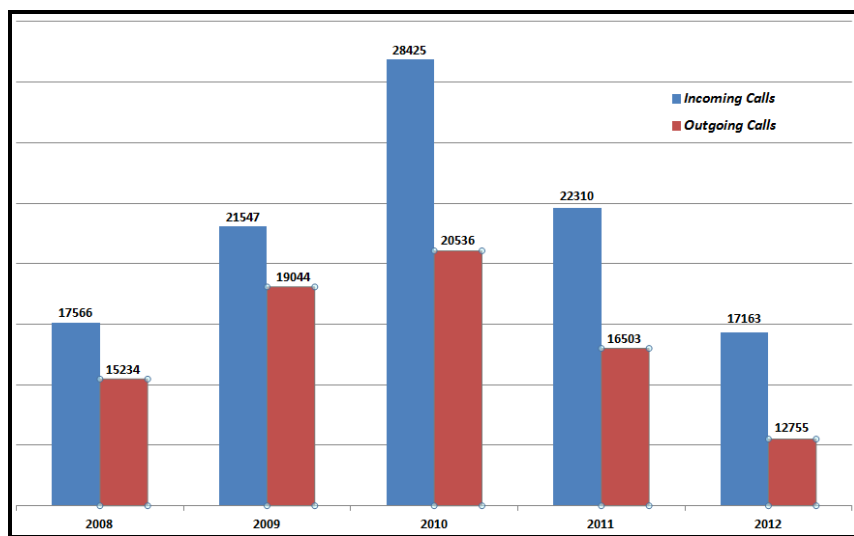
Description of Activity	2010	2011	2012
<i>No. of building starts</i>	410	340	268
<i>No. of buildings where Plans, Specifications, or other documents were requested</i>	51	7	2
<i>No. of new buildings inspected</i>	45	51	50
<i>No. of inspections carried out, including multiple inspections of the same building</i>	243	232	178
<i>No. of applications for Relaxations & dispensations to the building regulations</i>	5	3	3
<i>No. of applications for Relaxations & dispensations to the building regulations granted</i>	5	3	0
<i>No. of enforcement notices served under the Building Control Act 1990 to 2007</i>	0	1	2

The Disability Access Officer duties are also assigned to a member of the Unit. Other duties carried out by the Unit include the Maintenance of Aras an Chontae and associated buildings. In the current economic climate it has been found that many Planning Enforcement and Building Control files require protracted negotiation in order to achieve a satisfactory conclusion and there has been an increase in the necessity to issue enforcement notices and proceed to action by the Solicitor.

CAMP West

CAMP West continued to provide a 24hour / 7day / 365 Emergency Services Control Centre during 2012. This centre handles all 999 / 112 emergency calls for the Fire Services of the Counties of Connaught and for County Donegal. The control centre also provides a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for these Fire Services and for the West Region Ambulance Service Control Centre (covering Galway, Mayo and Roscommon) which is located in St Mary's Hospital, Castlebar. CAMP West also provides and operates the region-wide communications and mobilising infrastructure for these emergency services.

<i>Operations - West Region Fire Control Call Volumes</i>					
<i>Year</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Incoming Calls</i>	17566	21547	28425	22310	17163
<i>Outgoing Calls</i>	15234	19044	20536	16503	12755
<i>Total no. of Calls</i>	32800	40591	48961	38813	29918
<i>% Change</i>	+28.67%	+23.75%	+20.62%	-20.73%	-22.92%



Summary of CAMP West Call-handling Activities

FINANCE

The Finance Section of Mayo County Council is responsible for the collection of revenues due to Mayo County Council and the payment of monies and charges due from Mayo County Council.

Mayo County Council's Revenue Department deals with the collection of:

- Commercial Rates
- Water Charges
- Housing Rents
- Housing Loans
- NPPR Charges

Commercial Rates

In 2012 2755 rate demands were issued with €10.9 million collected. Approximately 10% of Mayo County Council's revenue expenditure is raised through rate charges. The collection of rates on commercial and industrial properties is thus essential in maintaining the range of Council services.

Water Charges

Mayo County Council levies charges for water supplied for non-domestic purposes, such as agricultural, commercial and industrial. Consumers are billed on a metered charge basis. A new water services charging structure commenced in January 2008.

Total amount of billed customers in 2012 was 7300 approx. Water Charges collected in 2012 amounted to €5.01 million

Housing Rents

Mayo County Council has approximately 2327 housing rent accounts. The total amount of rents collected in 2012 amounted to €4.23 million.

Housing Loans

Mayo County Council has approximately 832 housing loans. The total amount of housing loan charges collected in 2012 amounted to €2.78 million. The total number of redeemed and expired accounts in 2012 was 77.

Non Principal Private Residence (NPPR) Charge

The Minister of Finance in his budget for 2009 introduced a charge on Non Principal Private Residences. Following on from this the Local Government (Charges) Act, 2009 was passed by the Oireachtas in July 2009 which introduced a charge of €200 on all Non Principal Private Residences. This charge applies to all Residential Properties in the state that are not occupied as the owner's Principal Residence. Examples of chargeable properties include Rented Properties, Holiday Homes and Vacant Properties. The administration and collection of the charges is operated nationally, on a shared services basis, by the Local Government Computer Services Board (LGCSB). The LGCSB have developed a website (www.nppr.ie) which includes information on the charge as well as a system for registration of properties and payment of the NPPR charge online. It is estimated that circa €2.23 million will be collected in Mayo (including Town Council areas) in respect of this charge for 2012.

Household Charge

A Household Charge was introduced in 2012 under the Local Government (Household Charge) Act 2011. The charge applied to all residential properties suitable for occupation. A limited number of exemptions existed under the legislation. There also was two waiver situations, properties in a designated unfinished housing estate and properties where owners were in receipt of mortgage interest supplement. Owners entitled to a waiver had also to register their property under the legislation.

Mayo County Council had a collection rate of 81.33% which equates to a total of 1,021 properties registered as waivers and a total of 40,751 properties paid.

The Household Charge is to be replaced with a Local Property Tax in 2013.

Payment Practices

General Payments are made weekly through the Finance Section. All payments are properly checked and certified by the relevant Senior Officer, before submission for payment.

Financial Management

The Council seeks to improve Financial Management by:

- On-going monitoring, management and control of the Council's financial resources.
- Ensuring value for money in all the Council's activities.
- Strengthening the role of internal audit and continually reviewing internal control procedures to ensure propriety and transparency in all the Council's activities.
- Maximising the financial resources available to the Council through the ongoing investigation and pursuance of funding opportunities at local, national and EU level and effective management of debt collection.

MAYO COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE (MAYO CCC)

End-Of-Year Report

2012 was another busy year for Mayo CCC and the childcare sector in general. Highlights for Mayo CCC during 2012 were:

- the continued level of success of the Early Childhood Care & Education programme, (which is better known as the Free Pre School year programme) 119 childcare services engaged in the programme with 2,888 children participating
- the level of participation from childcare services in the training Mayo CCC provided, 703 participants attending 44 training events organised by Mayo CCC, and
- on a national level the establishment of Childcare Committees Ireland (CCI).

Mayo CCC is a member of the national reps group of CCI and therefore played an integral role in the development and creation of CCI.

The evolution of this national dimension to the work of County & City Childcare Committees has been a very positive development and has already enhanced the effectiveness of our work. An example of this is the national literacy & numeracy strategy for the early years. The National Adult Literacy Association (NALA) led the strategy nationally, and Mayo CCC promoted and helped to implement the strategy locally. During 2012 Mayo CCC asked Inez Bailey of National Adult Literacy Association (NALA) and Elenor O' Toole of Mayo library services to speak to parents about the early years literacy strategy and the local resource of the library services. Approximately 120 parents attended the information workshop, and the feedback was very positive.

Mayo CCC would also wish to acknowledge the fantastic achievement of Ballyglass Community Crèche when they won the national SMA Maternity & Infant community crèche of the year in 2012. This was a brilliant achievement and came after many years of hard work and effort. Mayo CCC is very proud of Ballyglass Community Crèche



Members of Ballyglass Community Crèche after receiving their award as SMA Maternity & Infant Community Crèche of the year

Mayo CCC delivers its work in the following way:

Mayo CCC works with:

- Childcare services (including Staff, Management Committees & Owners)
- Parents
- Children
- General Public
- Local & National Agencies

How does Mayo CCC support the local implementation of the 3 national childcare programmes? (I.e. Free Pre school year, subvention, and the Childcare Education Training & Support)

Mayo CCC does this in 4 main ways:

Processing of the national childcare programmes by:

- Advertising the programmes to parents and to childcare services (mainly during Springtime & August/ September)
- Informing parents & childcare services about the programmes (on going, busiest around August & September)
- Facilitating new childcare services to enter the ECCE, CETS & CCS programmes (on going, busiest around Spring time, early summer)
- Supporting childcare services to get to contract (busiest at early summer)
- Supporting childcare services to honour their commitments under their conditions of funding (on going)
- Supporting childcare services & liaising with Department of Children & Youth Affairs (DCYA) during ‘ECCE Reference week’ (early September)
- Supporting services & liaising with DCYA & Pobal during ‘CCS Reference week’ (Mid October)
- Liaise with Pobal and Childcare Services regarding their compliancy visit (on going)
- Liaising with DCYA, FAS & VEC to implement CETS & to place eligible children in participating CETS childcare services (ongoing but busiest during August , September & October)
- Implement and liaise with DCYA with regard to the ‘Higher Capitation’ applications. (busiest during summer months)
- Work with childcare services to develop Fee Policy (on going but busiest during early October time in 2012)
- Liaise with DCYA & Pobal to process Fee Polices (October time)
- Consider Fee Policies and approve or reject policies (October time)

Training

All training organised by Mayo CCC during 2012 was linked to Siolta and Aistear. Siolta and Aistear are the two national quality frameworks for the Early Years sector. Mayo CCC delivered 44 training events with 703 participants attending during 2012.

Examples of the type of training delivered are as follows:

Developing Critical Thinking in Pre schools, Employer/Management Committees effective governance, Developing Positive Self Esteem, Finance, Road Safety Week, Beep Beep Training (Pre School & After School) and science week workshops (pre school & after school).



Mayo CCC staff attending the national strategy of literacy & numeracy information workshop held in Westport during November 2012

Information Provision

Mayo CCC provides information to childcare services (including Staff & Management), parents, the general public, and agencies about the free pre school place programme (ECCE), CCS, & CETS programmes through the following information pathway.

The Mayo CCC newsletter (3 editions), web site, e mail, post, training & events, information stands & exhibitions, general office information, and leaflets & circulars.

Assistive Visits

Mayo CCC Development Workers carried out 98 assistive visits to childcare services during 2012. During these assistive visits the development workers discuss any issues the childcare service may be having regarding the implementation of the national childcare programmes.

How Mayo CCC organises itself to deliver the work

Mayo CCC is a sub committee of Mayo County Development Board. The management committee generally meets 9 times in the year. There is currently 5 staff, 1 of which is part time and 4 full time. There is one coordinator, 3 development workers, and an administrator. During 2012 Mayo CCC also engaged a worker on an internship.

There are currently 121 formal childcare services in the county. There are currently 50 childminders notified to Mayo CCC. There are 8 Notified Childminders to the HSE.

119 services are in the Free Pre school year Programme (ECCE)

51 services are in the Subvention Programme (CCS)

42 services are in the Childcare Education Training Support Programme (CETS)

There are currently 64 Private childcare services. There are currently 57 Community childcare services.



Explorers during science week



Building lava during science week

Conclusion

In Conclusion 2012 has been very busy on a number of fronts such as the local implementation of the national programmes, supporting childcare services in their provision of quality childcare and education, the provision of training, information and the development of national structures.

Within this Mayo CCC have delivered 44 training and information workshops to 703 participants , conducted 98 assistive visits and collaborated on many local projects such as the Mayo Children's Initiative, Mayo Travellers Support Group, Mayo Integration Forum, Inspiration Station and many more to enhance the quality of early childhood care and education in Mayo.

Mayo CCC looks forward to another effective year in 2013.

MAYO SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Background

Established in November 2004 the Sports Partnerships main aim is to increase participation in sport and physical activity among all sectors of the community.

It has three main functions:

Information - To establish a consultation process with sport clubs and organisations and to identify their needs and resources. Initiate research and compile a sports directory. One stop shop for sport in Mayo.

Education- Provide quality opportunities for training courses for volunteers held locally.

Implementation - To develop sports policy within the county through a strategic plan for sport in Mayo and select participation programmes to suit local needs.

We are also involved in facilitating and co-ordinating a number of targeted programmes, projects and initiatives at local level. Target groups include disadvantaged, youth at risk, people with a disability, teenage girls / women, older people and unemployed. The Sports Partnership office managed by Sports Co-ordinator Charlie Lambert also contains Administrator Padraic Durcan, Sports Inclusion Disability Officer, Ray Mc Namara and Community Sports Project Worker, Anne Ronayne.

During 2012 some of our major projects and initiatives included:

Middle Aged Men

Men on the Move

The Mayo Men on the Move Initiative arose from an allocation of funding to the HSE to deliver a physical activity programme for men aged over 35. Following a submission locally, the HSE approached the Mayo Sports Partnership and developed a local steering group comprising of MSP Co—ordinator, the Sports Inclusion Disability Officer, HSE Representative, Croí the Irish Cardiology Foundation and others.

More than 150 men all aged 35 plus from the Ballina, Belmullet, Claremorris and Westport areas are engaged in this unique physical activity programme co-ordinated by the Mayo Sports Partnership supported by Mid West Radio.

In March 2012 information sessions were held at each of the venues with a free health check offered to those who attended. The programme targets over 35 men who were inactive.

Local physical activity leaders supported the programme leading tailored physical activity sessions twice weekly. The programme is being formally evaluated with health data updated at week 8, 16 and at the end of the programme.

This programme has now been extended to other locations in the County with approximately 200 men now participating on a continuous basis in this programme.



Secondary Schools

Testing your Fitness and Making the Grade Initiative

100 Transition year students from second level schools across county Mayo were involved in an eight week programme to increase their fitness level an initiative run by Mayo Sports Partnership with the support of Mayo VEC and Mayo County Council. The Transition year students took part in the bleep endurance test to access their level of fitness. They were then asked to increase their physical activity for a an eight week period after which they took the bleep endurance test again to see if they had increased their fitness level.

The programme enabled the participants/students to increase their activity levels and their confidence. It also gives them an important social outlet where they could feel comfortable and interact with instructors and other participants in a meaningful way



Teenage Girls and Women
3rd West of Ireland Womens Mini Marathon

On Sunday 5th May 2012 3,000 women ran, jogged, walked and strolled the 10km route in the third annual West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon in Castlebar. To date approximately €1m euros has been raised for charities across the region with a local overall spend of €100,000 going into the local economy. As a 'women in sport' project the Western People West of Ireland Womens Mini Marathon is a prime example of sustained increases in participation by women in local sports.

Every year women who are not active start to prepare for the mini marathon in jan/feb period. Numbers of these women join their local meet and train groups and post marathon continue to be active. Examples are that Mayo, Westport, Ballina, Swinford ACs all have increased their membership each year after the mini marathon as well as their associated groups in Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Castlebar and Claremorris. In all 8 Meet and Train Groups are now in operation which has doubled in the last 2 years. 2 of the clubs / groups now have stand alone walking groups to introduce totally inactive people to physical activity. These groups undertake a Fit Walk 5 week programme and then can progress to the main group.



Jobseekers
Goal to Work East Mayo

Mayo Sports Partnership was involved in the organisation and delivery of "Goal to Work" sports coach training programme in Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. This training programme gave 12 unemployed people an opportunity to become trained soccer/gaelic and rugby coaches. The initiative recognises that many unemployed people have an interest in sport and that a passion for sports may offer the potential to provide employment opportunities. It also recognises that being out of work can threaten your mental health and upset the lives of families

Mayo Sports Partnership was supported by a multi agency committee that included Mayo North East LEADER Partnership Co., County Development Board, FAI, GAA, Connaught Rugby, Mayo Mental Health Association.

Qualifications/Certificates achieved by newly qualified coaches include:

FAI Accreditation Kickstart 1 (Coaching), GAA Foundation Level Coaching Certificate
GAA Foundation Level Refereeing Certificate, Rugby Youth Level Coaching Course
Irish Sports Council Accredited Active Leader Award (Community Sports Leader Award).

Child Protection Course, Disability Awareness Training, Physical Activity Leader Training, Occupational First Aid Certificate, FETAC awards (Level 3) in Personal Development and Information Technology.

Coaches trained children in a number of primary schools within east Mayo and the Development Officers from GAA/FAI/Connaught Rugby mentored them on this work experience.

Trainee sports coaches also organised activities within the east Mayo community in order to encourage members of the community to increase their levels of physical activity.

Progression rates were impressive for newly trained coaches, of the twelve who took part in the 14 week training programme (2 days per week and 3 weekends) two progressed into full-time employment, two into part-time employment, one into 3rd level education, two on to internships, and another onto a community employment scheme.

From the programme we have helped change peoples lives and have given them a motivation to give something back to clubs/communities in their own vicinity and beyond.

Paul Byrne Development Officer FAI commented that he has been fortunate to have found good people on this course and that they have linked them into various other programmes.

Examples

- Assisting the Moy Sports Forum in coaching children and youths from a disadvantaged background in Estates in Ballina
- Some have progressed their experience into working with females at a grassroots and elite players on a weekly basis
- Some have worked on FAI programmes - Summer Soccer Schools, Girls only Easter Soccer Camps, Weekly Soccer Sister Programmes, Intercultural Afterschool programmes, assisting in refereeing school competitions.
- One coach progressed into working as a local sports co – ordinator in his local area and is charged with organizing sports programmes for children and adults locally.

Without the drive and expertise and funding from the Mayo Sports Partnership this programme would not be what it is currently. The positive outcomes are that we have come across people who can and are willing to work within Social Inclusion Soccer Programmes, Female programmes as well as mainstream FAI activities.

People with a Disability Handcycling Programme



The Hand and Tandem Cycling eight week programme established by Mayo Sports Partnership in conjunction with IWA Sport, Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland and Cairdeas, Kilmovee Family Resource centre and supported by Mayo County Development Board proved a huge success. The programme run by Gerry Towey and Donal Harington from Ballaghaderreen Cycling club, giving instruction and showing lots of young cyclists and Para-Cyclists the way forward. A hand cycling programme took place every Thursday over the summer months.

Disadvantaged Ballina, Castlebar and Westport Sports

In 2012 based on the success of the Moy Sports Forum in Ballina Mayo Sports Partnership has successfully engaged with both Castlebar and Westport Town Councils to progress the idea of forming sports for a in their areas. The ethos of the fora is to create an environment where sports and community groups in the locality can progress initiatives within the area, particularly amongst disadvantaged groups. In addition they may also collaborate on sports tourism projects.

Promoting Use of the Outdoors Mayo in Motion Walking and Cycling Month June 2012

Mayo Trails Partnership in association with Mayo Sports Partnership facilitated an initiative to promote walking and cycling as an enjoyable way towards a healthy and active lifestyle. Over 20 communities organised 40 different walks throughout the county which proved to be an outstanding success with people of all ages and abilities participating.

Bike Week began in Mayo on Saturday 16th June with a very successful Cornmarket to Castle Family Cycle organised by Western Lakes Cycling Club in Ballinrobe.

Other organisations who organised events included Erris Beo who organised a group cycle, Ballina Lions Clubs “Get Off the Couch and on Yer Bike” Family Cycle in Beleek Woods and cycling skills workshops over the whole week in St Gerald’s School Castlebar by Castlebar Cycling Club. In total 16 events from Kilmovee to Tourmakeady were run with a total of over 600 participating.



Ministers Leo Vradakar and Michael Ring with Bike Week Participants on a visit to Westport

Club Development Work **Recreational GAA**

In November 2012 MSP helped to fund a series of Camán Abú adult recreational hurling workshop sessions in Mayo. The Workshops were held in Claremorris with players invited from all over Mayo. From the workshops - three clubs sprouted - registering with Croke Park for Camán Abú - and who now host regular Camán Abú sessions. These clubs - in Claremorris, Ballina James Stephens HC and Ballyvary - can now offer a recreational hurling outlet for adults in a fun and safe environment. This was not possible in the past. We now have over 40 active players ranging from ages 20 to 50. We hope to encourage two more clubs to come on board within the next few months and also hope to run a league/blitz for all these new teams within Mayo in the near future.

“Without the support of the MSP - both financial and psychological - we wouldn’t have got this project off the ground. We now have people starting hurling later in life who have never played before” – Adrian Hession Hurling Development Officer for Mayo



A group from Claremorris participating in the Caman Abú sessions

Integration Initiatives

Mayo Sports Partnership helped fund a project on the integration of migrant workers into the community through sports and physical activity. Along with the help of MSP the county Martial Arts Association were in a position to develop classes which supported the inclusiveness, initially of migrant workers, promoting opportunities for translators, promoting the clubs in several languages, but over time at a core level we were able to re-focus our own selves, on the needs to be more inclusive globally.

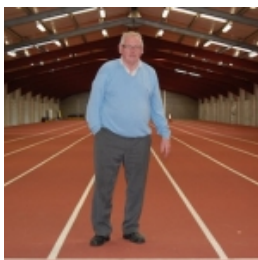
Since beginning this project, in conjunction with the MSP, there is now a vibrant club community of many nationalities and races, and through the work of the project, the whole group has become more open, more inclusive. Today, the group boasts a membership of Irish Nationals, both settled and travellers, Polish, African, Lithuanian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, English, and Russian, able bodied persons and people with special needs, all working together for the common good. As a culmination of the project, during 2012, the club was presented with an award from Down Syndrome Ireland for the most inclusive community group in Ireland, and received commendation from the President, Michael D. Higgins.

“While this was something we had long wished for, we could not have done it without the support of Mayo Sports Partnership. It was simply financially impossible for us to get it off the ground without their aid. Today, because of their efforts, and their belief in the importance of the project, we have succeeded in becoming a better, more inclusive group, providing opportunities to all”.

Volunteers

Jim Ryan Claremorris Athletic Club Wins National Sports Volunteer of the Year Award

Nominated by Mayo Sports Partnership Jim Ryan picked up the National Award for the Sports and Recreation Category at a function in Dublin recently. Jim always makes himself available to run or assist in the running of many valuable sports and recreation programmes in his local community. Jim volunteers his time securing funding for his local club, that recently was awarded €400,000 for the development of a new all-weather tartan track at their facilities, thanks in no small way to Jim’s trojan voluntary effort.



Jim Ryan pictured in the hugely impressive Claremorris Indoor Athletics Facility

ARTS

Annually the service works with over 250 community groups and impacts directly on the lives of at least 30,000 people who attend events organized or funded through the Arts Office. Through partnership with local and national groups, agencies and organisations Mayo Arts Office has secured a very high reputation alongside its counterparts nationwide. These partnerships have been instrumental in the use of Mayo as a location for various projects that may otherwise have not been seen outside larger cities.

The long-term value of the work is extremely important to the office. All large scale projects offer opportunities to community groups or interest groups to avail of training therefore leaving a legacy within the county.

Arts Information, Promotion and Advice

This advisory service is availed of by over 250 community groups, artists and arts organisations which regularly seek advice about arts events and sources of funding for their projects and programmes. Furthermore, the Arts office advises on grants for artists and Arts Acts grants which are available annually to any community or group wishing to run their own Arts-based event.

The arts office also circulates an email bulletin on a monthly basis updating activities that may be of interest to local communities and individuals. The update carries Mayo County Council Arts Service information, county wide and national information regarding arts events and opportunities. This is an important focal information point for people working in the industry in the county.

Arts Programme 2012

Mayo Arts Squad

Established in 1997 with FÁS support, Mayo County Council's Arts Squad has continued to provide excellent training in community arts skills for fifteen participants (from a wide variety of backgrounds) annually. In 2011 the Arts Squad worked extensively with festivals throughout the county, with community groups, intercultural groups and with disabled people.



**Samhainn Abhainn,
Beleek Woods, Ballina**



**ONSIGHT workshop,
National Museum of Ireland**

From May to August 2012, Mayo Artsquad was again invited by the National Museum of Ireland, Country Life, to participate in a partnership project called ONSIGHT. This involved all of the Artsquad participants and arts workers from Mayo providing regular open arts workshops on the museum grounds, which lead to siting of original artworks and to an exhibition in the museum café. The Artsquad also continued to work with the Samhain Abhainn Festival in Ballina, developing further the Scarey Walks in Beleek Woods.

Art in Education Programme
Mayo County Council School's Exhibition Programme

There are two exhibitions from the Mayo County Council collection which were collated especially for primary schools. These exhibitions are on loan to schools for up to six months. Support workshops are also provided through the arts office by artists included in the exhibitions and specially designed education packs are available for teachers and pupils. In 2012, the exhibitions went to four schools. These are two of the paintings from the school's exhibition programme:



'Goats', Irma Van Baalen



'Muscari', Deirdre Walsh

Literature
Writer-in-residence programme

In 2012, Mayo County Council's writer-in-residence was Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhríde, who carried out an extensive programme of workshops and readings throughout the county. He worked intensively with writer's groups and in schools and his tour included Belmullet, Castlebar, Erris, Ballina, Westport, Ballinrobe, Tourmakedy, Ballycastle and Ballyglass. He also gave a very well-attended Flash Fiction workshop in Lough Lannagh.

All-Ireland Poetry Day

Mayo County Council Arts Office & Library Service again engaged fully with All-Ireland Poetry Day in 2012. This year, Mayo poet John Corless visited Clare Island to give poetry workshops in the school and a public reading in the newly opened library. Also, in a project which certainly captured the public's imagination, an Inspirational Poetry Tree was developed and displayed in Castlebar Library. An open call went out asking the public to provide poems which would give us all a boost; original poems or a favourite existing poem. The response was extraordinary. Mayo's Poetry Tree also visited the Rolling Sun Festival in Westport in November.



Mayo County Council Arts & Library Staff with Artsquad Artist Louisa Sloane, who designed Mayo's Inspirational Poetry Tree. Castlebar Library

Arts for Older People Bealtaine

Mayo County Council Arts Office runs an extensive, interactive programme for older people throughout the county during the month of May, to mark the annual festival which celebrates creativity in older age. A major event, **Blossoms in May**, open to all Active Retirement Groups was run in Lough Lannagh and featured workshops (Storytelling, Dance, Visual Art and Photography), a theatre performance of 'The Three Fat Women of Antibes' and the launch of '**The Green Bough**', a collective publication of images and writing by older people in the county. Other projects included a community weave in The Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar with artist Merovee Guerin, and Music in Care Settings throughout the county. Approximately 1,000 older people benefitted from the Bealtaine Programme.



Dance and Visual Art Workshop Part of the Blossoms in May Event – Bealtaine 2012

Public Art & Visual Art % for Art

Mayo County Council has been one of the leading and most proactive Local Authorities in drawing down and using the % for Art scheme. Since 1989 over 100 commissions have been undertaken. Many new commissions actively engage with local communities leading to long-term engagement with an artist and artworks which are well-integrated into the fabric of a community.

Highlights of this year's programme include:

**'Minefield' by Aideen Barry
Ballina Arts Centre**



Launch of 'Minefield', March 2012



**Tour of 'Landmark' Artworks
April 2012**

'Landmark' Public Art Programme

A high-profile programme of seven individual contemporary art commissions and Connect, a professional development programme for local artists. All projects were launched at a special three day festival style launch event which was well attended by artists and the public. This programme received much acclaim and was nominated for two Allianz Business to Arts Awards.

Permanent commissions

'On Sight', Cleary + Connelly, Lough Lannagh, Castlebar

A series of special, discreet viewing posts, the type usually seen on seafront promenades, positioned in four locations. Local children via St. Joseph's school, Castlebar and Castlebar youth group worked closely with the artists to devise and then film scenes for the locations which are shown on a continuous loop in the installations.

'Landmarks', Elaine Griffin

a sculpture trail of permanent bronze artworks, specifically related to the area, which are positioned around the lake.



'Shoes', Elaine Griffin, Lough Lannagh



'Irises', Elaine Griffin, Lough Lannagh

'Bridging Sounds', Fionnuala Hanahoe

was a temporary installation of sound making devices that were activated by passers-by as they crossed the new bridge at Lough Lannagh.

'The Known World', Jennifer Brady

an experimental nature documentary using images of Lough Lannagh and the family of Mute Swans that live on it.

Temporary or performance-based commissions

'Across the Lough', The Performance Corporation

A theatrical experience which took place out on Lough Lannagh. Audiences of just three people at a time were ferried across the lake in a wooden rowing boat by a boatman/performer.

'Lough Lannagh Ripples', Matt and Rob Vale

was an interactive performance involving light by the side of the lake. The artists worked with students from St Gerald's school, Davitt college and members of the Mayo Concert Orchestra in Castlebar, to choreograph this special once off performance.

Residency

'Still Life in Green and Red', Ian Wilson

This composer's residency involved him working with and meeting large numbers of the local community. All the input from the schools and all the interviews made with people during the residency period form a soundtrack, which is the basis of a 40-minute work for the ConTempo Quartet. A limited edition CD has been produced and was available free of charge over the launch weekend. *'Still Life in Green and Red'* was performed at Knock Shrine, Mount St. Michael Secondary School in Claremorris and Ballintubber Abbey. There was a final performance during the Landmark launch weekend.

CONNECT - A professional development training programme for local artists was developed and delivered over the duration of the public art programme. The weekend included a wide variety of professional development opportunities for artists including **Fake Public Art Panels**, a **Speed Dating style** networking event to meet with many key individuals in the arts, a **Collaborative Practices Seminar** involving all Landmark artists and workshops with Jenny Brady (**Peer Critique Workshop for Moving Image Artists**) and Fionnuala Hanahoe (**Drawing on Lough Lannagh Workshop**)

A **smart phone app** was also created, art connect, in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland, providing useful information for artists and a place to include information about themselves. All Mayo artists were offered a 1 year free subscription to VAI.

Included performances from three of the most exciting artists working in Ireland today, Amanda Coogan, Dominic Thorpe and Aideen Barry. A talk from guest speaker artist, Nigel Rolfe, and a discussion and Q&A session facilitated by Cliodhna Shaffrey.

Cluid Housing Estate, Claremorris, Sculptural community-based residency, Yvonne Cullivan

Installation and launch due by end of 2012.

A small permanent installation of sculptural objects made from resin and stainless steel, each element containing a small motif, or object, which is specific to each home on the estate.

This work results from a 12 month consultation process with the residents, including meetings, events, workshops and temporary drawing installations on the pavements.

Mayo County Council Collection

This collection is comprised of works purchased through exhibitions within the county including paintings, batik, prints, small sculptural works, photographs etc. These artworks are hung in public buildings and are often loaned for exhibitions in Arts Centres and other contexts in the county.

Theatre

Mayo Youth Theatre

Initiated in 1999, through the promotion and support of quality youth theatre, MYT provides access to drama for those aged 14 - 22. With 25 young members MYT continued to flourish in 2012 with weekly workshops. The group participated in specialist training and presented their production, 'You didn't hear it from me' to packed houses in Ballina Arts Centre in May.

Music

Whistleblast Quartet

This partnership project (funded by the Arts Council, National Concert Hall and Mayo County Council), successfully completed ten interactive music education programmes in Mayo this year. Each programme culminated in a performance for the wider community, including the children who had been involved. The response from schools and communities has been tremendously positive.

Music Generation MAYO

Mayo MEP is a non-profit, non-political partnership which exists to co-ordinate music services within the county, to ensure equity of access and to develop music education opportunities for all young people. Mayo was one of the first three counties, along with Louth & Sligo, to secure funding for music education for 0-18 year olds through the philanthropic fund established by U2 and The Ireland Funds. The application from Mayo MEP secured considerable matching funds over three years for vocal and instrument tuition in the county. The partnership consists of the following organizations: Mayo County Development Board, Mayo VEC (Lead partner), Mayo Education Centre, Mayo Community Forum and Mayo County Council Arts Department and Department of Community and Integrated Development.



Drum Tutor Phillip Cassidy with Music Generation students

This has been a very productive year for Music Generation and a school's tuition programme, after-school's music service and residency programme, Mayo Music Library and a Youth Music Initiative (Ballina) are well underway. In addition a huge amount of work has been completed in relation to securing a substantial instrument bank for the county.

Youth Arts Programme

The Arts Service runs a youth arts programme in November annually, which specifically addresses the needs of young people across the county. Specialist provision and master-classes are offered to groups already involved in the arts: orchestras, choirs, bands, students wishing to pursue a career in theatre or visual art, drama groups etc. Groups who wish to try a specific artform can do so through the workshop strand of the programme. In 2012, a special open event, Junk Koutour, which uses recycled materials to produce art/ fashion items was facilitated by Mayo Artsquad.

Disability Arts Programme

Mayo County Council Arts Office is very proactive in the area of disability and the arts. A number of long-term, equality-based projects are funded annually:

- In addition, where possible, opportunities to include disabled people are sought so that groups of disabled people are invited to participate in other programme strands.
- Mayo County Council's Artsquad is also inclusive in ethos and up to 40% of participants are registered disabled.

International Day for Persons with Disabilities

The Arts Office also funds quality projects with arts/ disability organisations to celebrate International Day for Persons with Disabilities, which is on December 3rd annually.

This year a further six projects received funding.

In **Áras Inis Gluaire**, Belmullet, Peter Crann is facilitating a series of music and movement workshops with the **Western Care Association**. In the **Custom House Studios**, Westport, there will be an opportunity for members of the public to attend the print studio and make prints along with members of the **Carrowbeg Enterprises** Printmaking group. In the **Linenhall Arts Centre**, Castlebar, a series of visual arts workshops is being facilitated by experienced artists with **Western Care Castlebar** and students from the **Department of art & Design in GMIT**. In the **Tacú Family Resource Centre**, **The Luisne Art Project** is engaging in a new animation project with Denise McDonagh. In the **Rural Training Centre**, Castlebar, artist Tom Meskell is working with an experienced group making found object sculptures. Also in Castlebar, artist Deirdre Walsh is working with residents in a long-term care setting.

Luisne

The LUISNE project is a visual arts project which began in 2004. The purpose of this project is to provide quality artistic experience for a group of service users of the Crann Mór Resource Centre operated by the Western Care Association. The project is funded by Western Care and Mayo County Council, with administrative and other supports provided by TACÚ. In 2009 a website was developed, www.artluisne.com. This year the group has had successful exhibitions in Tacu Family Resource Centre (as part of Culture Night) and The Custom House Studios, Westport.

Culture Night

The Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism and Templebar Cultural Trust extended an invitation to Mayo County Council to participate in Culture Night in 2009. In a unique take on the event, Culture Night in Mayo was county wide. In 2012 participation was extended to 30 organisations/venues including arts, heritage and Irish language groups across the county. Almost 2000 people attended the free events programmed on the evening.



Culture Night at Comhar Dun Chaochain and Westport House, 2012

Made in the West, Craft in the Digital Age
Organised by the Arts Office as part of the CISNET, EU creative industries programme, this event was held in Ballina Arts Centre in June this year. This successful event also provided a pop-up show-case gallery for Mayo Craftworks, a new network developed in the county.



Speakers and support organisations attending the 'Made in the West' event, Ballina 2012

Arts Grants

The Arts Office provides a wide variety of grants for both professional and non-professional practitioners in all art forms:

- Arts Acts Grants (grants ranging from €150 to €5,000)
- Visual Arts awards (1 exhibition assistance and 13 materials assistance awards)
- MCC Tyrone Guthrie Awards (2 awards)
- Amateur Drama Awards (1 award)
- Music Recording Assistance Awards (2 awards)

Networking & Partnerships

Mayo Artists Network

A new network for visual artists was established by Mayo Arts Office in 2011 and continued this year. The network will be supported by MCC Arts Office and facilitated by the Custom House Studios. Over 100 artists have already registered and attended network meetings.

Partnership Projects

A number of arts organisations receive annual funding on a partnership basis with Mayo County Council. The professional contribution of these organisations towards the strategic development of the arts in the county is recognised and supported by Mayo County Council: The Linenhall Arts Centre (Castlebar), The Heinrich Boll Cottage (Achill), Yew Tree Theatre Company (Ballina), Ballina Arts Centre (Ballina), Custom House Studios (Westport), Ballinglen Arts Foundation (Ballycastle), Charlestown Arts Centre (Charlestown) and Áras Inis Gluaire (Belmullet Arts Centre). In 2011, €144,000 was dispersed to assist these venues with their programmes.

Other Partnerships

Partnerships with other agencies are crucial to continued outreach and success. The Arts Service has developed and fostered good working partnerships with: other sections within Mayo County Council, other LA arts offices, Western Care Association, FÁS, Health Service Executive Western Area, Age & Opportunity, The Arts Council, Mayo Education Centre & Schools, Sacred Heart Hospital, Community Development Projects, Mayo VEC, Music Generation, Údarás Na Gaeltachta, Irish Writer's Centre, Irish Music Rights Organisation and Neighbour Youth Projects among others.

Summary

The Arts Service will continue to support artists and arts practitioners who live and work in Mayo in order to maximise their creative potential. The support of those who make art and are involved in the arts, at whatever level, continues to be the core of a progressive and responsive service.

MAYO COUNTY LIBRARY

Introduction

In 2012 Mayo County Library lent 621,000 books to 27,000 members. This represents an increase in usage of over 8% on the 2011 figures. The library also provides a local history service, a genealogy service, a website and a wide ranging programme of cultural events every year. In addition new services such as downloadable books, a smart phone service, online newspapers and social networking are now provided. A new library for Swinford will open early in 2013. Mayo libraries attracted 367,000 visits in 2011 which is far in excess of any other cultural or heritage organisation in the county.

Cultural Programme

Mayo Library runs an extensive cultural programme which is expanding annually. In 2011 over 300 events were held in libraries in the county. Highlights included:

Castlebar Library

Talks on the environment and Nano Technology for Engineering Week

'The Flame and the Candle' book launch by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny.

Art Exhibition by local artist Jim Burns.

Knock – and still they come' by Fr Colm Kilcoyne-book launched by RTE's Mary Kennedy

Old Sport Photographs of Mayo – talk and exhibition by Liam Lyons

'From Kells to Kindle: Materials and Techniques in Book Production through the ages' exhibition by GMIT students.

International Day against Homophobia & Transphobia information display

Biodiversity Seminar for Heritage Week

Reading by Writer in Residence **Eoghan Mac Goillia Bhríde**

Bealtaine in the Library – Library Tours for older people

Travellers Support Group craft circle banner display

'Do 1 Thing Campaign' -Book display (creating awareness for refugees and asylum seekers)

'Jackson' by M.J Ginnelly, Book Launch

Poetry Tree on display in the library for the month of October.

Art Exhibition by local artist Bernadette Keaveney,

Study hour for Polish children.

Western Region Drugs Task Force Display.

Poetry and carols night as part of Heart of Castlebarfestival.

Regular computer sessions for the Adult Learning Network, the elderly, teacher's groups, Irish Rural Link and REHAB students are held in the library.

Castlebar Book Club meets in the library every month.



Ballina Library

Arts exhibitions by Patricia Perkins and Noel Hanly

Ballina Music Circle meets monthly in the library

Mayo North garden and Flower Club –open evening

The Stitch & Bitch Knitting Circle meet every Tuesday night in the library

The Active Retirement Musicians group use the library as a venue to practice

Free **computer courses** for Over 55's in the library

Engineering as a career- talk for Engineers Week

Computer classes – provided by Irish Rural Link

Ballina ICA – federation days in the library

International Day against Homophobia & Transphobia information display

Mayo North East Leader – regular workshops on re-skilling for business

Peace, Love and Hope – quilt display

At the end of the day by Paul Holmes – book launch

Excavations in Connaught – talk by Dr. Jean O Dowd, NUIG.

Ballina X Factor talent competition applications.

The Time to Read Programme is Ireland's first business to education national reading initiative. It provides students in 2nd class with the opportunity to receive reading support from a business volunteer. The programme aims to increase the enjoyment of, and confidence in reading whilst encouraging self-discovery for the participating children. Ballina Library is one of the venues chosen for the programme.



Culture Night in Ballina Library

For Culture Night, September 21st, Ballina Library hosted the Ballina Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association. An exhibition of craftwork by the Guild with demonstrations of crafts, including Knitting, Crochet, Tweed-work, Card-making, Quilting, Embroidery and Tattng, was held in the library.



Guild members with Ballina Library Staff on Culture Night 2012

Grow it Yourself Ireland

The Ballina **Grow it Yourself Ireland** Group meet every month in Ballina Library with the aim of inspiring and empowering people to grow their own food by bringing them together in community groups and online to share tips, advice and expertise.

Beehive Drama Group

The Beehive Drama Group is a group of adults with learning difficulties who visit Ballina Library weekly. The group under the supervision of theatre artist Stephen Doyle engages in role play and improvisation sessions with the view that through drama the participants are better able to integrate into society and also enhance their personal development.



Some members of the Beehive Drama Group with their advisor Stephen Doyle

Wallace Bicentenary Celebrations in Ballina

To mark the birth two hundred years ago of William Vincent Wallace, Ballina Library hosted a unique exhibition of information and memorabilia related to the great composer. The exhibition ran in conjunction with a number of other events culminating with a concert in Ballina Cathedral on September 16th. As part of the celebrations the library also hosted an illustrated talk on the life and times of this extraordinary musician who has such strong links with Ballina.

Westport Library

An afternoon with author **Judi Curtin** in Library as part of Rolling Sun Festival

Architectural exhibition held in Library as part of Westport Arts Festival

Civic Trust Exhibition

Age Action computer classes held over the year.

Talk on health: **Alexander Technique**

Exhibition on **Local heritage** as part of Heritage Week

Talk on Bats for Heritage Week

The Gathering: section filmed in Library with Jean Butler

Exhibition from Tir na nOg Playschool

Westport Art and Design Exhibition

Storyteller, Sheena Duffy ag leamh le Seachtain na Gaeilge

Exhibition dealing with Homophobia and how to combat same

Story time every Tuesday

Other Events

Titanic Exhibition – to commemorate the sinking of the Titanic 100 years ago the library put together a major exhibition on the event which toured Castlebar, Ballina and Claremorris Libraries. The library also worked with the Addergoole commemorative committee in preparing for their commemorative week.

Dickens at 200: an exhibition to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of novelist, Charles Dickens, which included critical analysis of his work in various formats plus some original artwork from his books – ran in Castlebar, Ballina and Westport Libraries.

The Gathering Postcards: As part of *The Gathering* initiative, the library produced a series of historic postcard utilizing images from its history collections to promote visits to the county in 2013. Each card shows a town in Mayo today and as it was over 100 years ago. These postcards will be given to politicians, local businesses, community groups and other interested parties to be sent to contacts abroad who have not visited Ireland for a long period.



Eachtraí Culturtha

Le h-aghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge i mí Mharta, eagraíodh eachtraí eagsula tre mheán na Gaeilge i leabharlanna tríd an chontae.

Ina measc bhí:

Lochlain O'Meara Dramaíocht. Caisleán a' Bharraigh
Sheila Duddy ag leamh as Gaeilge, Caisleán a' Bharraigh
Taispeántas Leabhar Gaeilge – Béal an Átha
Eoghan Mac Goillia Bhríde , scéalaíocht i, Caisleán a' Bharraigh agus Béal an Átha,
Comórtaisí do pháistí scoile - Caisleán a' Bharraigh
Ciorcail craic i Béal an Átha.

The library also supports numerous festivals and cultural initiatives throughout the county including:

- The Rolling Sun Book festival
- The Westport Arts Festival
- Achill storytelling festival

- The John Healy Weekend
- The Sonas Festival in Louisburg
- Mayo County Child Care Committee
- Mayo Women's Refuge
- Kiltimagh Raiftieri Festival
- Irish Wheelchair Association
- Ballina Chamber of Commerce
- Mayo Volunteer Centre
- Moy Community Development Board
- Ballina Writers & Artists Group
- Youthreach Clubs
- Vibe Youth Club

Children's Programme

The library runs a wide range of events for children throughout the year from story hours and competitions to author visits and workshops. The highlight of the year is the month-long Children's Book Festival in October which comprises events attended for children including:

- Pet care demonstrations
- An on-line short story competition
- Library Quizzes
- Talk on the environment
- Spooky Story-time for Halloween- in Ballina and Crossmolina Library



Prizewinners in the Mayo library on-line short story competition

Other children's events included:

Summer Reading Challenges for children were organised in Achill, Crossmolina, Claremorris, Castlebar, Kiltimagh and Ballyhaunis. The children were challenged to read at least 10 books over the summer. Many read up to twenty books and received certificates. Library tours for school children are run in most branches

A **Reading for Fun Initiative** was run in Belmullet in conjunction with St Brendan's College, The VEC and the National Schools in the Erris Region. Over 300 Students took part in this scheme the main aim of which was to encourage reading and improve literacy



ICT Initiatives

Access To Online Library Services Via Smartphones

Library members can now access Mayo County Library services via iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad and Android phones. Members can search the catalogue, view books, check their accounts and reserve items.

Audiobook Download Service

This service was introduced in 2011 and has now expanded to provide access to over 1,000 audiobooks, which can be downloaded free. Library members can download up to 10 books at any one time and listen to them on computer or transfer to an mp3 player or iPod

Mayo Newspapers On-Line

The library launched the Mayo Newspaper Archive On-line in 2009. The following papers are all available online: *The Western People* from 1889, *The Mayo News*, *The Ballina Herald*, *The Connaught Telegraph*, *The Mayo Examiner*, *The Ballinrobe Chronicle* and *The Western Journal*.

Facebook, Twitter And Ezine

Mayo Library provides up-to-the minute information on its events and services on Facebook and Twitter. The library also produces an electronic magazine which is sent to over 3000 homes on a regular basis. SMS Messaging is used to notify borrowers about overdue books, requested items and library events via text message.

Wi-Fi

Wifi access is now available in Castlebar, Ballina, Westport, Claremorris, Ballyhaunis, Ballinrobe, Kiltimagh, Belmullet and Swinford libraries.

Mayo Genealogy Online

Mayo County Library, in conjunction with the Mayo Family History centres, provides a genealogical service on the library web site. This facility provides access to the millions of family records held on the centres' databases for library users.

Borrowbooks

Borrowbooks, an online library loans service which allows Mayo readers to borrow books from anywhere in Ireland, continues to be hugely popular.

Mayo Maps Online

A new enhanced version of Mayo Maps Online, based on a Google Maps interface, is now available. This integrated system provides access to the 1838 Ordnance Survey maps, Bald's map of Mayo and maps of the Lynch-Blosse estates covering the Balla-Claremorris area. In addition to the facility to browse and search maps, links are provided to additional information on Mayo places, including 1901 Census data, Griffith's Valuation, Tourism Survey from the 1940's and place name information.

Postcards Of Mayo

Mayo County Library provides online access to its historical postcard collection showing views of Mayo towns from the early to mid 20th century.

Historical Newspaper Illustrations

This was a new addition to the Local Studies section of the Mayo County Library website in 2012. These illustrations date mainly from the mid to late 19th century and the majority are from "The Illustrated London News" and "The Graphic". They provide a contemporary pictorial view of some of the most significant episodes in Irish history: the famine, the Land War, Michael Davitt and Boycott.



Irish Tourist Association Survey

This survey was carried out in all parishes in Mayo in the 1940s and covers various aspects including amenities, antiquities, sporting activities, famous people associated with the parish, description of the landscape etc. It provides a valuable snapshot of life in Ireland at the time. The complete survey for Mayo is available online.

Other Online Services

- *The Famine in Mayo: a portrait from contemporary sources online*
- *In Humbert's Footsteps: 1798 & the Year of the French,*
- *Mayo People* – lives of famous people from the county
- *Map of The Clans of Mayo*
- *Book Review section* - updated monthly

New Music Libraries

Mayo will get two new music libraries and an instrument lending scheme thanks to Music Generation, the U2 and Ireland Funds. Mayo was one of three counties selected for participation in Music Generation with the aim of helping children and young people access vocal and instrumental tuition. As part of the project Mayo library has received funding to provide music libraries in Ballina and Castlebar which will hold material on all aspects of music from tuition to recordings and performances. The library will also work with Music Generation Mayo to create a musical instrument lending scheme which will allow people from all over the county to borrow instruments through their local library.

Acquisitions and Donations

The Foundation, Rise and Decline of Newport Pratt County Mayo. M.A.thesis by John C. Moore 2010. Donated by the author.

Muckanagh Parke: Bridging the Years by Martin and Eileen Bolger. 2012. Donated by the authors.

Achonry and Its Churches, from the Sixth Century to the Third Millenium by Fr. Liam Swords.

Milestones 1911-2011: 100 Years of St. Colman's Church and the Story of a Parish.

Taispeantas Caorach Acla1986-2011.

The Veiled Woman of Achill: Island Outrage & a Playboy Drama by Patricia Byrne 2012. Donated by the author.

Tour in Connemara and the Martins of Ballynahinch by Maria Edgeworth. 1950.

A Report of the Case of Little and Clarke Against Wingfield and Others Tried at Castlebar 1857.

Achill's Eva O'Flaherty: Forgotten Island Heroine by Mary J. Murphy. 2012. Donated by the author.

Callow Church 1812-2012: The Church and Its Community 2012.

Cathair na Mart: Journal of the Westport Historical Society 2012.

Amazing Mayo Stories by Terry Reilly. 2012.

Roots and Branches: A History of the Hughes Family of Islandead edited by Sam Suttle. Donated Sam Suttle.

Tracing the Forde Ancestry: Mount Taffe-Killasser-Balla by Brendan Forde. 2012

Valuation Office House Book 1842. Castlebar Town. Transcriptions by Joe McDermott 2012. Donated by Joe McDermott.

Conquest and Land in Ireland: The Transplantation to Connacht, 1649-1680 by John Cunningham. 2011.

The Flame and the Candle: War in Mayo 1919-1924 by Dominic Price. 2012.

Parke and Turlough Yesterday and Today 1911-2011.

Francoise Henry in Co. Mayo: The Inniskea Journals by Janet T. Marquardt. 2012.

The West of Ireland: New Perspectives on the Nineteenth Century edited by Carla King and Conor McNamara. 2011.

The Open Door: Personal Stories that Weave Together to Form a Rich Tapestry of Everyday Life in 1930's to 1960's Ireland compiled by Kathleen Browne 2012.

Quin / O'Quin: A History by Louis Quinn 2010.

Breaking Ground: Reports on the Excavations of Burials by the National Museum of Ireland, 1927-2006 edited by Mary Cahill and Maeve Sikora.2011.

Atlas of the Great Irish Famine edited by John Crowley etc. 2012.

Irish Country Houses: A Chronicle of Change by David Hicks 2012.

Mayo: 60 Years of Thrills and Spills.

Shadows of the Eagle: A Collection of Verse by Paddy Guthrie. 2012.

Leaves from a Diary by Noreen Gannon. 2012.

The Light that Never Goes Out: The Life of Father Joe Foy P.P. 1841-1918 by Jim Maguire. 2012.

Mayo Libraries: Memories, Tales and Anecdotes by Mary Gavin. 2011.

Microfilm: Mayo News 2010 & 2011, Western People 2011.

Mayo County Committee of Agriculture Minute Books 1901-1988

This important collection of historical material relating to life in rural Ireland was acquired by Mayo County Library in 2012. The collection was presented to the library service by Peter Leonard, Teagasc Acting Regional Manager for Mayo on behalf of the organisation



Healthy Reading Scheme

The library service runs a **Mayo Healthy Reading Scheme** in conjunction with the HSE. This is an initiative designed to guide individuals in their choice of self-help books which can then be used in tandem with treatment made by a health professional.

School's Library Service

Mayo County Library experienced a substantial increase in demand for children's literacy services from both parents and Learning Support/Resource teachers. The library is continuing to provide an active Special Needs Service to all Learning Support and Special Needs teachers. Developments include:

- Information workshops for parents of children with reading difficulties -as part of the collaborative literacy project between Mayo County Library and HSE West Speech & Language Therapy Service – six workshops provided in 2012.
- Mayo Library worked on the compilation of book lists for the roll out of the Schools' Business Partnership 'Time to Read' programme nationally in Sept. This is a reading enhancement programme that aims to positively impact on educational inclusion in Ireland.
- The school library service took part in '*Supporting Literacy & Numeracy Skills from 0-12 years*' seminar in conjunction with the National Adult Literacy Agency.

Jackie Clarke Library

In 2012 work on the design of the Jackie Clarke Collection Exhibition commenced. Martello Media were awarded the contract to fit out of the Former Provincial Bank, which had previously been restored. The Garden was refurbished and designed by Mitchell & Associates using the original layout of the Victorian garden. Native Irish planting some of which was supplied by Seed Savers was introduced to the garden. The centre is due to open to the public on 14 December 2012.

An Open Day took place as part of National Heritage Week in August. The Collection was awarded a grant by the Heritage Council to undertake a Community Focus project with a cross section of the local community which ran from May to November. A grant was also awarded by Culture Ireland for an exhibition in the American Irish Historical Society, New York. The exhibition, *Island: Drawing Conclusions Mapping the Irish*, was a partnership by the Jackie Clarke Collection with the American Irish Historical Society and the Linenhall Library, Belfast. A promotional stand was displayed at the Irish Embassy's Washington DC St Patrick's Day event in March and an illustrated lecture on the Collection was given by Director Sinéad McCoole at the Irish Embassy on 13 June.

HERITAGE

The Mayo Heritage Office promotes enhanced levels of awareness and understanding, leading to a greater appreciation and conservation, of the natural, built and cultural heritage of County Mayo. The ongoing implementation of the *County Mayo Heritage Plan* contributes to the fulfilment of our commitments under the National Heritage Plan, the National Biodiversity Plan and the National Climate Change Strategy. In addition to the ongoing work of the Heritage Office, a number of key Heritage Plan Projects were undertaken in 2012, with support from The Heritage Council.

The County Mayo Heritage Plan 2011–2016, the second for the county, was launched by Mayo County Council in November 2012. The County Mayo Heritage Plan is a strategic document, dealing with heritage issues at a countywide level. It aims to build on the achievements of the first plan. The broad objectives of the plan are to identify, raise awareness of and promote the conservation of the built, natural and cultural heritage of the county. The plan contains almost 60 actions, which aim to achieve these objectives. Each year an annual work programme is developed, setting out the actions/projects to be undertaken in order to meet the objectives of the five-year strategic Plan. The Heritage Plan projects undertaken in 2012 are outlined below.

Heritage Plan Work Programme 2012

Cong Village Design Statement

In 2011, Cong Tidy Towns committee sought the advice of Mayo County Council regarding community-led village improvements. It was considered that a Village Design Statement would be the most appropriate tool to guide future development in the village and to ensure that any development compliments the village's unique heritage assets. Funding was obtained from the Heritage Council in 2012, under the County Heritage Plan, to prepare a Village Design Statement for Cong. It is an objective of the Mayo County Development Plan 2008-2014 to prepare Village Design Statements (VDSs) for villages in the county as appropriate. Cong, with its distinctive identity and setting, was identified as a key village for which a VDS is required, to ensure that future development is responsive to the village's distinctive character and has regard to its surrounding landscape and ecology.

The Cong draft VDS, prepared in consultation with the local community, represents a vision for the future of Cong, one that is shared by the residents of Cong, local community groups and Mayo County Council and is a tool to enhance the village character in a positive way.



Village Character Workshop, Cong

Mayo Geological Audit

An audit of Mayo's Geological Heritage, which was commenced in 2011, with the support of The Heritage Council, was completed in 2012. In total, 127 sites throughout the county were surveyed. These sites, which are identified as County Geological Sites, will inform the review of the Mayo County Development Plan, and will be incorporated into relevant Local Areas Plans. In addition to surveying sites to obtain information about this important aspect of Mayo's heritage, the project aims to raise awareness and promote the rich geological heritage of the county. The audit was carried out with a view to developing geological trails and to assist communities in the development of Heritage Trails in their local area. An inventory of published sources relating to Mayo's geology and geomorphology has also been compiled.



The oldest rocks in Ireland at Annagh Head



Steep sloping strata on beach at Rinroe Point

Mayo's Built Heritage Photography Competition

Mayo has a diverse built heritage, including large country houses vernacular buildings, including thatch cottages, farm buildings, granaries, gate posts, milestones, bridges etc. A Built Heritage Photographic competition was organised, with the support of the Heritage Council, to raise awareness of the diversity of built heritage in the county, and to encourage children and adults to explore and engage with their built heritage in a meaningful way. Over 200 entries were received into the competition in three categories (Junior, Youth and Adult). The winning entries are included the Mayo Built Heritage Calendar 2013.



Winning entries in the Mayo Built Heritage Photographic Competition

Traditional Skills Training Series

Mayo County Council, in association with Southwest West Mayo Development Company, held a series of Traditional Skills Training Workshops throughout the south west Mayo area in October 2012. Each of the four workshops was dedicated to one of the following traditional skills, Historic Ironwork (Cross), Hedge Laying (Turlough) Working with Lime Dry (Westport) and Stone Walling (Roundfort). The workshops were aimed at owners/occupiers of historic buildings, planning agents, architects, engineers, farmers and landowners, Rural Social Scheme participants, Tidy Town Committees, interested individuals, anyone involved in protecting and promoting heritage within their local area.



Hedge Laying Workshop, Turlough



Dry Stone Wall Workshop, Roundfort



Working with lime Workshop, Westport



Historic Iron Workshop, Cross

Heritage Week 2012

Funding was obtained from the Heritage Council in 2012, under the County Mayo Heritage Plan, to organise and promote a programme of events for Heritage Week. The aim of this project was to work with community and heritage groups in the county to provide advice, assistance and support to them, to develop a programme of events for Heritage Week 2012. A fund was made available to which community groups could apply for funding to organize and host a Heritage Week event. A total of 31 community groups from all over the county were awarded funding towards their Heritage Week events.

Over 80 heritage events were held throughout the county to celebrate Heritage Week 2012, which ran from 18th to the 24th August. A diverse and eclectic programme of events including heritage walks, talks, demonstrations, many of which were organised by communities, with the support of Mayo County Council, showcased the rich and diverse built, natural and cultural heritage of the county. A Mayo Heritage Week 2012 pocket brochure was published, detailing all events organised for the week in the county, which was circulated to libraries, museums, heritage centres, arts centres, tourist offices, council offices, hotels.



Mayo Heritage Week Brochure



Kite making workshop at Mulranny

Along with the Heritage Plan, a number of other publications were launched in 2012, including the *Mayo Hedgerows* booklet and *Mayo's Wild Things and Places*.

Heritage Map Viewer

The aim of this project is to develop a GIS based approach to enable the comprehensive audit and assessment of the heritage in a number of Irish counties. Mayo County Council is a partner in this project which is led by The Heritage Council. The overall purpose of the Map Viewer is to provide clearer understanding of the heritage and its significance, and to provide a service for spatially enabling government to exercise better management in the future. The project demonstrates how multiple data sources covering disparate themes, from different data owners, and crossing local and regional (county) boundaries, can be integrated to aid conveying information to the public and decision makers at different levels of government. Based on web services standards, the resulting web viewer can be multi-purposed and readily expanded in the future to accommodate new data sources, providing new functionality for different applications and users. The viewer will aid decision makers in preparing various types of assessment reports.

Heritage as an Engine of Economic Growth seminar

In June 2012, The Heritage Council in partnership with Mayo County Council organised a workshop in Castlebar to explore the potential of the heritage sector and opportunities throughout the county. The 'Heritage as an Engine' workshop aimed to generate an increased awareness of the opportunities for enterprise and business development based on Mayo's unique local heritage.

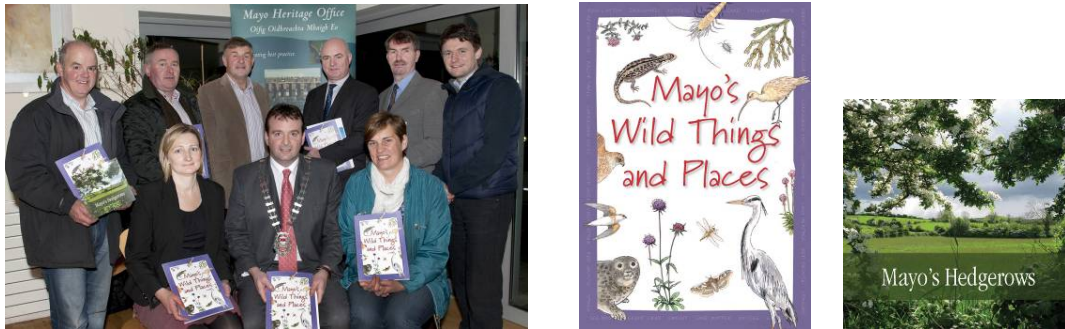
The programme of speakers was selected to showcase the diversity and vibrancy of Mayo's unique heritage sector. The event was aimed at heritage practitioners, business people, innovators and entrepreneurs. Various business support agencies were in attendance to answer questions and queries. The workshop was designed to foster business networks and develop sustainable enterprise opportunities locally and nationally.



Speakers and participants at the Heritage as an Engine of Economic Growth workshop

Mayo's Wild Things and Places

Mayo's Wild Things and Places, is a beautifully illustrated and accessible book on the habitats wildlife of the county. This publication highlights a selection of species that you will find in a number of habitats in Mayo and gives a description, an illustration and useful information about each. The book will be a great resource for school teachers and pupils, community groups, residents and visitors to Mayo who want to learn more about biodiversity, and for anyone with a passing interest in the natural heritage of the county.



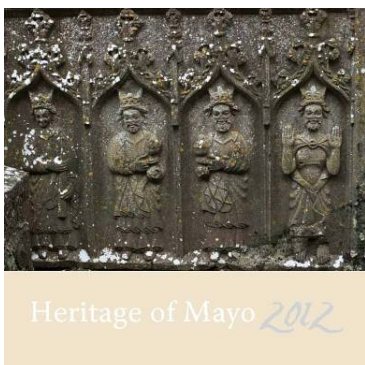
Pictured at the launch of Mayo's Wild Things and Places, Mayo's Hedgerows and the County Mayo Heritage Plan

Mayo Heritage Website

The Mayo heritage website is continually updated and expanded with information on all aspects of heritage in the county. In addition, details of projects being undertaken and heritage events taking place in the county are provided.

Mayo Heritage Calendar 2012

A Mayo Ecclesiastical Calendar was published in 2012. The calendar which contains images of ecclesiastical sites throughout the county, aimed to highlight and promote this aspect of our heritage and to showcase what is but a small sample of these important sites.



Areas addressed by the Heritage Officer on an ongoing basis include:

- Input into the preparation of the Local Area Plans, Strategies, Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) etc
- Preparation of Habitats Directive Assessments as required under Article 6(3) and 6(4) of the EU Habitats Directive.
- Provide support and advice to Development Control
- Support the Planning Enforcement Section, when requested
- Advise public and council staff on heritage-related matters
- Provide advice to Mayo Leader Companies on heritage issues.
- Provide advice to community groups undertaking “Graveyard clean-up” schemes
- Provide advice and assistance to individuals, community groups, Rural Social Scheme supervisors and participants, and Tidy Towns Groups in relation to Local Heritage Projects
- Promote Heritage Council Local Heritage Grant Programme and provide advice to community groups on applications as required
- Promote Heritage in Schools Scheme
- Promote Heritage Week

INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES (ICTS)

In 2012, the ICT sector both nationally and globally has been buoyant and to achieve on going savings in a time of budget cutbacks in the public sector is challenging. We continued to work with our back office suppliers in particular, to consolidate costs in areas such as Data Security/Storage, Anti Virus and Firewall protection, Mail, ArcGis, MapInfo, Mapping and Communication costs.

We have successfully consolidated approximately 60% of our production server fleet through the use of our internal cloud computing infrastructure which has resulted in significant savings in power consumption, licensing costs, reduced hardware requirements, reduced downtime and improved administration efficiency.

In association with CMoD and the National Framework Agreements we went to tender in December for our Mobile communication requirements and we expect to achieve significant savings in this area effective from January 2013.

Our Web team continues to grow and expand the www.mayo.ie web site which since its launch in 2011 has proved to be a huge hit with the Mayo Diaspora worldwide and continues to grow its membership daily. We were also shortlisted for the Digital Media Awards held in the Convention Centre, Dublin. These awards recognize excellence in all aspects of digital media, and the dynamic work taking place across the various sectors of society.

We continued in 2012 to offer the widest range of online services of any Local Authority in Ireland and our goal is to continue to enhance and upgrade our internal systems and to put where possible all systems online to support our customers and to make it as easy and convenient as possible for them to conduct business with Mayo County Council and our Town Councils.

We retained our ISO 27001 accreditation in 2012 and still remain the only Local Authority in Ireland to hold such a distinction. Mayo County Council is well positioned to meet whatever ICT challenges may face us under the inevitable reform that faces us into the future.

RETIREMENTS IN 2012

05/01/2012	Employee	John Garvey	General Operative
07/01/2012	Employee	Michael Joe Doherty	Waterworks Caretaker G3
26/01/2012	Employee	Edward Costello	Waterworks Caretaker G3
28/01/2012	Employee	John Friel	General Operative
28/01/2012	Employee	Christy Lawless	Assistant Mobile Library Driver
12/01/2012	Employee	Michael Morrison	Foreman
26/01/2012	Officer	Mary Coen	Assistant Staff Officer
16/01/2012	Employee	Thomas O'Donnell	Ganger
17/01/2012	Employee	William Morrison	General Operative
06/02/2012	Employee	James P. Walsh	General Operative
15/02/2012	Officer	Martina McNicholas	Clerical Officer
16/02/2012	Employee	Thomas O'Malley	Light Equipment Operator
22/02/2012	Employee	John Daly	General Operative
23/02/2012	Employee	Anthony Collins	Ganger
24/02/2012	Officer	Patrick McDermott	Administrative Officer
24/02/2012	Officer	John McGovern	IS Project Leader
24/02/2012	Officer	Eileen Goldrick	Staff Officer
25/02/2012	Employee	Martin J. Walsh	General Services Supervisor
25/02/2012	Employee	Edward J. Dwyer	General Services Supervisor
25/02/2012	Employee	Thomas Lowe	General Operative
25/02/2012	Employee	Michael Timlin	General operative Supervisor
27/02/2012	Officer	Helen Fadian	Assistant Staff Officer
28/02/2012	Employee	Joseph Campbell	Ganger
28/02/2012	Officer	Paul Roche	Assistant Staff Officer
28/02/2012	Officer	Patricia Barnicle	Clerical Officer
28/02/2012	Employee	Oliver Murray	Ganger
29/02/2012	Employee	John Devane	General Operative
29/02/2012	Officer	Ann Murray	IS Technical Support Officer
29/02/2012	Officer	John Loftus	Senior Staff Officer

29/02/2012	Officer	Anthony McNulty	Senior Engineer
29/02/2012	Officer	Michael Lavelle	Staff Officer
29/02/2012	Officer	Patricia Rowland	Clerical Officer
29/02/2012	Officer	Thomas McLoughlin	Senior Executive Technician
29/02/2012	Officer	Valentine McHale	Executive Engineer
29/02/2012	Officer	Joseph Beirne	Director of Services and County Engineer
29/02/2012	Officer	Thomas Byrne	Clerk of Works
29/02/2012	Officer	Charles Mulchrone	Assistant Staff Officer
29/02/2012	Officer	James P. O'Connor	Staff Officer
29/02/2012	Employee	Peter Alo Langan	General Services Supervisor
29/02/2012	Officer	Christina White	Senior Library Assistant
11/05/2012	Officer	Ursula Jordan Hanley	Clerical Officer
16/05/2012	Employee	Mary Costello (Camp)	Emergency Control Operator
09/07/2012	Employee	Michael Gibbons	Ganger
30/09/2012	Officer	Christina Harman	P/t Branch Librarian
22/12/2012	Employee	Hugh Syron	Ganger

Recruitment 2012

There were 10 competitions held for posts in 2012. The 10 interview boards comprised of 11 females and 19 males.



Tommy Byrne's last act for Mayo County Council, after 42 years of loyal service, hanging up the photo of Cathaoirleath Cllr. Austin Francis O' Malley

CORPORATE

Freedom of Information

The total number of requests under the Freedom of Information Act for 2012 was 59.

Higher Education Grants

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) are processing all new Student Grant applications, including applications from existing students changing their courses or progressing to new courses (be they add-on courses or otherwise), from the 2012/13 academic year onwards. SUSI are also paying Student Grants to all new applicants who are awarded grants in 2012/13, subject to confirmation and verification of attendance.

Mayo County Council continue to process Student Grant renewal applications for students to whom they have already awarded grants until such time as those students have completed their current courses and will continue to pay these renewal students in the normal manner subject to confirmation and verification of attendance.

The Student Grant Scheme 2012 was released to Mayo County Council by the Department of Education and Skills on 11 June, 2012.

The total number of Student Grant renewal applications received to-date in the 2012/13 academic year is 1,110. The current number of renewal students receiving grants from Mayo County Council is 960.

Learning and Development

Mayo County Council is committed to Human Resource Learning and Development to achieve our objectives and goals. We recognise that our success in providing a high quality of service to the community has been built on a loyal, dedicated and committed workforce. We deem it important to foster a team spirit in all our employees by implementing a progressive Learning and Development Plan for our employees throughout all areas of activities, a Plan that each employee has an input into in its preparation and execution.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS/EDITED REGISTER 2012/2013

Registration Authority - Mayo County Council

Part I

1.	Dáil Constituency	Presidential Electors	Dáil Electors
	Mayo	96,258	98,995
	Total	96,258	98,995

2.	European Parliament Constituency	European Electors	Potential European Electors
	North-West	99,338	1,429
	Total	99,338	1,429

3.	Local Electoral Areas	Local Government Electors
	Ballina	18,682
	Béal an Mhuirthead	13,522
	Castlebar	23,059
	Claremorris	21,090
	Swinford	13,402
	Westport	12,038
	Total	101,793

4.	Borough or Town Council	Local Government Electors
	Ballina Town Council	7,330
	Castlebar Town Council	7,786
	Westport Town Council	3,374
	Total	18,490

Part II Postal Voters							Part III Special Voters
Dáil Constituency	Gardai	Defence Forces	Diplomats	Physically Disabled	Occupation etc.	Prisoners	Special Voters
Mayo	7	72	1	126	4	0	166
Total	7	72	1	126	4	0	166

Part IV Edited Register				
Dáil Constituency	Presidential Electors	Dáil Electors	European Electors	Local Electors
Mayo	11,637	12,423	12,525	13,515
Total	11,637	12,423	12,525	13,515

Part V Postal Voters on Edited Register							Part VI Special Voters on Edited Register
Dáil Constituency	Gardaí	Defence Forces	Diplomats	Physically Disabled	Occupation etc.	Prisoners	Special Voters
Mayo	0	11	0	9	1	0	5
TOTAL	0	11	0	9	1	0	5

Supplement to the Register Of Electors 2012/2013

Referendum on the Stability Treaty – 31 st May 2012			
Dáil Constituency	Ordinary Electors	Postal Voters	Special Voters
Mayo	385	27	82
Total	385	27	82

Supplement to the Register Of Electors 2012/2013

Referendum on Children – 10 th November 2012			
Dáil Constituency	Ordinary Electors	Postal Voters	Special Voters
Mayo	410	16	29
Total	410	16	29

OIFIG NA GAEILGE

Cothaíonn agus cuireann Oifig na Gaeilge úsáid na Gaeilge chun cinn i gContae Mhaigh Eo agus cabhraíonn sí le forbairt agus le cur chun feidhme bheartas teanga Údarás Áitiúil Mhaigh Eo.

Is Contae Gaeltachta é Maigh Eo le pobal beomhar labhartha Gaeilge. Tá ceantair Ghaeltachta Iorrais, Acla agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh saibhir le seanchas, scríbhneoireacht, ceol, suíomhanna stairiúla agus seandálaíochta, agus níos tábhachtaí fós, is ceantair labhartha Ghaeilge iad.

Tugadh le fios ins an Daonáireamh is deireanaí (2011) go bhfuil Gaeilge ag 45.5% den Chontae, ní hamháin sin ach gurb é Maigh Eo an 4ú contae is mó ina labhraítear Gaeilge taobh amuigh den chóras scoile, agus gurb é Caisleán an Bharraigh an 4ú baile is mó, taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht, ina úsáidtear Gaeilge go rialta taobh amuigh den chóras scoile.

Oifig na Gaeilge seeks to sustain and promote the use of Irish in County Mayo and it aids in developing and implementing the Irish Language Policy of Mayo's Local Authority.

Mayo is a Gaeltacht county, with a vibrant Irish speaking community. The Gaeltacht regions of Erris, Achill and Tourmakeady are rich in oral traditions, literature, music, historical and archaeological sites and most importantly of all, they are all Irish speaking regions.

The latest census figures (2011) show that 45.5% of the county's population can speak Irish. In addition to that, County Mayo has the fourth largest number of people who speak Irish outside of the education system and Castlebar ranks fourth amongst towns outside of the Gaeltacht where Irish is used regularly outside of the education system.

Acht na Gaeltachta, 2012

Foilsíodh Acht na Gaeltachta níos túisce sa bhliain, agus tá idir dhúshláin is dheiseanna i ndán do phobal Mhaigh Eo san Acht seo. Tá sé i gceist go mbeidh an Ghaeltacht bunaithe feasta ar chritéir theangeolaíochta seachas ar limistéir thíreolaíochta mar a bhí go dtí seo. Beidh an phleanáil teanga ag leibhéal an phobail lárnach do phróiseas an tsainmhíneithe nua don Ghaeltacht. Chomh maith leis sin beidh deis ag ceantair lasmuigh de na ceantair Ghaeltachta aitheantas reachtúil a bhaint amach mar Líonraí Gaeilge nó mar Bhailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta, faoi réir critéir áirithe a bheith comhlíonta acu.

Chomh maith leis sin, rinneadh foráil faoin Acht chun líon comhaltaí bhord an Údaráis a laghdú go suntasach agus chun deireadh a chur leis an riachtanas do thoghcháin do bhord an Údaráis. Níl ach ionadaí amháin ó Chontae Mhaigh Eo anois ar an mbord, agus i mí na Samhna ainmníodh Ian Mac Aindriú mar ionadaí an Chontae ar bhord an Údaráis.

The Gaeltacht Act was published earlier in the year, and as a result of it the people of Mayo will be faced with both challenges and opportunities. It sets out that Gaeltacht status will in future be defined by linguistic criteria as opposed to geographical locations as was the case until now. Language planning on a community basis will play an integral part in this new defining of the Gaeltacht. Areas outside of the Gaeltacht, however, will also be able to obtain legal recognition as Irish Language Networks or as Gaeltacht Service towns should they fulfill the necessary criteria.

The Act also included a provision to significantly reduce the number of members on the board of the Údarás and to suspend the requirement of an election for the board of the Údarás. Mayo now has only one representative on the board of the Údarás, and Ian Mac Aindriú was named in November as the County's representative on that board.

Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003

Agus í ag feabhsú seirbhísí trí mheán na Gaeilge, lean an Chomhairle ar aghaidh le cur i bhfeidhm Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 & Scéim Teanga Údaráis Áitiúla Mhaigh Eo le heolas a chur ar fáil don fhoireann maidir le hoibleagáidí na Comhairle ina leith seo, ag déanamh obair aistriúcháin, ag cur comhairle ar fáil i dtaobh logainmneacha le haghaidh comharthaí bóithre, ag cinntiú go bhfuil na láithreáin ghréasáin, agus roinnt foilseachán, foirmeacha, bileog eolais srl. ar fáil sa dá theanga oifigiúla.

I mbliana eagraíodh ranganna le hInstitiúid Teicneolaíochta na Gaillimhe – Maigh Eo, Gnó Mhaigh Eo agus Coiste Gairmoideachais Chontae Mhaigh Eo chun réimse níos leithne ranganna ar leibhéal dhifriúla a eagrú ar an gcostas is lú.

Whilst continuing to improve the level of service available through Irish, the Council continued to implement the Official Languages Act 2003, and the Mayo Local Authorities' Language Scheme. This included informing staff of the Council's obligations regarding the language, undertaking translation work, advising on forms of placenames to be used on road signage, and ensuring the websites and certain publications, forms, information leaflets etc. are available in both official languages.

This year a number of classes were organised in conjunction with GMIT, Gnó Mhaigh Eo agus Mayo VEC to ensure the widest variety of classes on different levels were available and as affordable as possible.

Coiste Logainmneacha Mhaigh Eo

Eagraíodh sraith léachtaí i gcomhar le Coiste Logainmneacha Mhaigh Eo, maoinithe ag Togra Mhaigh Eo agus Conradh na Gaeilge, i gCaisleán an Bharraigh, i mBéal an Átha, i mBéal Átha na Muice agus i gClár Chlainne Mhuiris.

Déanann Dr. Fiachra Mac Gabhann cur síos ar an staidéar atá déanta aige ar iomlán ainmneacha na 3,000 baile fearainn atá i Maigh Eo bunaithe ar anailís ó bhonn ar fhoinní tábhachtacha stairiúla sna léachtanna seo.

D'fhreastail thart ar 250 duine ar na léachtaí, agus tá sé beartaithe go leanfar leis an togra seo in 2013 ionas go mbeidh deis ag chuile dhuine sa gcontae léargas a fáil ar an gcartlann thábhachtach seo ar ár stair agus ár n-oidhreacht.

A series of lectures were organised in Castlebar, Ballina, Swinford and Claremorris in conjunction with the Mayo Placenames Committee and funded by Togra Mhaigh Eo and Conradh na Gaeilge.

Dr. Fiachra Mac Gabhann describes in these lectures the complete study he has done of all 3,000 townlands in Mayo based on analysis of important historical documents stretching as far back as possible. About 250 people attended these lectures, and it has been decided to continue with this project in 2013 so that everyone in the county will have the opportunity to gain an insight into this remarkable archive of our history and heritage.

Tír na nÓg – Club Spraoi i bPartraí

Tá an club spraoi seo do leanaí idir 5-9 mbliana d'aois i gceantar Phartraí, ag dul ó neart go neart. Tagann siad le chéile gach Déardaoin ó 5.00-7.00 i Halla Pobail Phartraí agus glacann siad páirt i ndrámáíocht, in ealaíona agus i gceardaíocht, gach ceann acu trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Tháinig an smaoineamh ó thuismitheoirí áitiúla ar mhaith leo a gcuid leanaí a spreagadh Gaeilge a labhairt ach, níos tábhachtaí fós, taitneamh a bhaint as Gaeilge a labhairt ó aois óg. Tá Tír na nÓg á maoiniú trí Scéim na nImeachtaí Óige de chuid Fhoras na Gaeilge.



The playgroup in Partry, which caters for 5-9 year olds, is going from strength to strength. They gather every Thursday from 5.00-7.00 in the Community Hall in Partry to partake in drama and in arts and crafts, and all through the medium of Irish.

The idea came from local parents who wanted to encourage their children to speak Irish, but more importantly still, to allow them to enjoy speaking Irish from a young age. Tír na nÓg is funded through Foras na Gaeilge's Youth Events Scheme.

Ceol's Comhrá – Club Óige Chaisleán an Bharraigh

Grúpa óige dírithe ar scoláirí meánscoile i gCaisleán an Bharraigh is ea Ceol's Comhrá, a thugann deis dóibh leas a bhaint as cibé méid Gaeilge atá acu le linn dóibh a bheith gníomhach le himeachtaí éagsúla. Tá 40% den ghrád iomlán Gaeilge sa Teastas Sóisearach agus san Ardteist ag brath ar an scrúdú cainte anois, tugann an club seo spás don scoláire a gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh go neamfhoirmiúil gan strus agus brú an tseomra ranga, agus píosa spraoi a bheith acu ag an am céanna. In 2012 thug Ceol's Comhrá faoin scannánaíocht, agus iad páirteach i ngach gné den phróiseas sin idir scríobh scripte, dhéanamh cultacha agus chumadh fuaimrianta.

**CEOL... CEAMARA...
COMHRÁ!**

Tá Ceol's Comhrá ar ais agus an uair seo tá siad ag tabhairt faoi chúrsaí scannánaíochta!
Beidh an grúpa seo de mhic léinn meánscoile ag teacht le chéile gach Luan ó 6 - 7.30 sa Neighbourhood Youth Project i gCaisleán an Bharraigh.

Ceol's Comhrá are back, and this time they are behind the camera!
If you are in secondary school, interested in music, film making, and using your cúpla focal come along to the Neighbourhood Youth Project in Castlebar every Monday at 6 o'clock.

Gach Luan, 6 - 7.30 | Every Monday, 6 - 7.30
NYP - Sraid an tSéipéil, Caisleán an Bharraigh
NYP - Chapel St., Castlebar

€5 chun clárú €2 in aghaidh na seachtaine
€5 to register €2 per week.

Urraithe ag
Foras na Gaeilge

Gach eolas ó gaeilge@mayococo.ie nó 087 697 2922

Ceol 's Comhrá is a youth club for secondary school students in Castlebar, which offers them an opportunity to use whatever Irish they have whilst being engaged in various activities. 40% of the overall Irish grade in both the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams is now based on oral ability, and the youth club offers a chance to students to practice speaking Irish in an informal setting away from the stress and pressure of the classroom, and to have some fun at the same time. In 2012 Ceol 's Comhrá undertook a film production project, which saw students involved in each and every aspect of the process from script writing to costume design and soundtrack creation.

Gnó Mhaigh Eo

Lean Oifig Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo agus Gnó Mhaigh Eo orthu ag obair go dlúth le chéile in 2012 agus d'eagraíodar go leor tionscadail éagsúla:

- *Féile Chroí Chaisleán an Bharraigh*
- *Gradam Gnó Mhaigh Eo*
- *Bronntanas na Teanga*
- *Féile Bia Chathair na Mart*
- *Oíche Chultúir*
- *Shop 'n Spraoi na Nollag*



Seó Puipéad i nGaeilge & i mBéarla le Little Gem Puppets ag Féile Chroí Chaisleán an Bharraigh

Oifig Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo and Gnó Mhaigh Eo continued to work in close partnership in 2012 and organised a wide variety of projects, which included:

- *Féile Chroí Chaisleán an Bharraigh*
- *Gradam Gnó Mhaigh Eo*
- *Bronntanas na Teanga*
- *Féile Bia Chathair na Mart*
- *Culture Night*
- *Shop 'n Spraoi na Nollag*

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2012

Sheoladh Seachtain na Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo i mBéal an Átha i mbliana. I measc na n-imeachtaí a bhí ar siúl fud fad an Chontae, bhí seisiúin scéalaíochta, ceardlanna drámaíochta agus taispeántas leabhar le scríbhneoirí Mhaigh Eo ar siúl i Leabharlanna an Chontae.

Seachtain na Gaeilge in Mayo was launched in Ballina this year, and among the events organised throughout the county were storytelling evenings, drama workshops, and book showings with Mayo writers in the county's libraries.



Páistí ó Ghaelscoil na Ceithre Maol ag seoladh Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2012

Thug Oifig na Gaeilge cúnamh agus tacaíocht do go leor dreamanna eile le linn 2012, ina measc:

Oifig na Gaeilge provided help and support to many other groups throughout 2012, including:

- Togra Mhaigh Eo
- Conradh na Gaeilge
- Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
- Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School
- Cois Tine – Ionad Oidhreachta Chill Mobhí
- Samhain Abhainn – féile i mBéal an Átha
- Muintir Chathair na Mart
- Club Cúpla Focal, Béal an Átha
- Ciorcal Comhrá, Béal Átha na Muice
- Cúpla Focal ‘s Cupán Tae, Coillte Mach
- Coiste Chultúr ‘s Teanga Thuar Mhic Éadaigh
- Comharcumann Deirbhile
- Áras Inis Gluaire
- Comharcumann Dhún Chaocháin
- Scoil Acla
- Ceol na Locha

Lón Gaeilge

Lean Oifig na Gaeilge uirthi deiseanna a sholáthar agus a chur chun cinn do dhaoine chun casadh lena chéile agus Gaeilge a labhairt, leis an aidhm líonra cainteoirí Gaeilge a chruthú ar fud an Chontae. Reáchtáladh sraith ‘Lónta Gaeilge’ míosúla i gCaisleán an Bharraigh, i mBaile an Róba, i gCoillte Mach, i mBéal an Átha agus i mbliana cuireadh tús le Lón Gaeilge i gClár Chlainne Mhuiris. Bíonn na lónta seo an-ráthúil, ag cur deis ar fáil do chainteoirí Gaeilge, d’fhoghlaimoirí Gaeilge agus dóibh siúd nach n-úsáideann an Ghaeilge atá acu ach go hannamh, seans le ‘cúpla focal’ a úsáid i gcomhthéacs suaimhneach neamhfhoirmeálta.

Oifig na Gaeilge continued to provide and promote opportunities for people to meet and speak Irish with the intention of developing a network of Irish speakers throughout the county. A series of monthly ‘Irish Lunches’ were arranged in Castlebar, Ballinrobe, Kiltimagh and Ballina, and this year an additional lunch date was added in Claremorris. These lunches have proven very successful in providing Irish speakers, those learning the language, and to those who only rarely use Irish, a chance to come and use their ‘cúpla focal’ in an informal, relaxed atmosphere.

Seirbhís Eolais

Déanann Oifig na Gaeilge ríomh-nuachtlitir mhíosúil a chur le chéile agus a dháileadh, ag cur daoine ar an eolas faoi ócáidí Gaeilge agus cultúir ar fud an Chontae, ó ghrúpaí comhrá go seisiúin cheoil agus siúlóidí treoraithe, scannáin a chur ar scáileán, campaí samhraidh do leanaí, cúrsaí Gaeltachta do dhaoine fásta, chomh maith le scéalta eile a bheadh suim iontu, agus deiseanna fostaíochta agus maoinithe.

Forbraíodh leathanaigh Facebook agus Twitter ‘Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo’ chun eolas a sholáthar faoi ócáidí agus scéalta atá bainteach leis an nGaeilge ar bhonn leanúnach agus réamhghníomhach. Tá os cionn 5,200 leantóir ar leathanach Facebook Ghaeilge Mhaigh Eo agus os cionn 1,600 leantóir ar an leathanach ar Twitter.

Oifig na Gaeilge compile and distribute a monthly e-newsletter to keep people informed about Irish language and cultural events throughout the county, events such as conversation groups, music sessions, guided walks, film nights, summer camps for children, Gaeltacht courses for adults, as well as other stories which may be of interest such as employment and funding opportunities.

Both a Facebook and Twitter account under the title ‘Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo’ have been developed to provide information about events and stories on a continuous and pro-active basis. The Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo Facebook page has over 5,200 followers, while the Twitter account has over 1,600 followers.

Oifig na Gaeilge – 2013

Beidh dhá mhóriméacht ar siúl le linn na bliana seo chugainn, Bliain na Gaeilge agus Tóstal Éireann.

This year will see the organisation of two big events, Bliain na Gaeilge and The Gathering Ireland.

Bliain na Gaeilge 2013



www.gaeilge2013.ie

Seoladh Bliain na Gaeilge 2013 i mBéal an Mhuirthead Dé Domhnaigh, 25ú Samhain. Cuireadh tús le hathbheochan na Gaeilge in 1893 le bunú Chonradh na Gaeilge, agus tá mar aidhm ag Bliain na Gaeilge deis úsáide Gaeilge a chur ar fáil don 2 mhilliún den daonra ar an oileán a deir go bhfuil an teanga acu sa lá atá inniu ann.

Beidh go lór imeachtaí ar siúl fud fad na tíre chun Bliain na Gaeilge a chur le chéile. Tá coiste curtha ar bun ag Oifig Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo chun clár imeachtaí a chur le chéile lena chinntiú go mbeidh neart ar siúl i Maigh Eo chun Bliain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh!



Seoladh Bliain na Gaeilge i mBéal an Mhuirthead, Samhain 2012

Bliain na Gaeilge 2013 was launched in Belmullet on Sunday 25th November. The revival of the Irish language was begun in 1893 with the foundation of Conradh na Gaeilge, and the aim of Bliain na Gaeilge is to give the 2 million people on the island today who have Irish a chance to use the language.

There will be many events organised throughout the country as part of Bliain na Gaeilge, and a committee has been formed by Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo to put a programme of events together to ensure that Bliain na Gaeilge will be well celebrated in Mayo!

Tóstal Éireann 2013



Tá Oifig Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo agus Gaeltacht Thuaisceart an Oileáin Úir ag obair as láimh a chéile le blianta anuas, le múinteoirí ó Mhaigh Eo ag múineadh ann le trí bliana anuas, agus baill den Gaeltacht ag freastal ar imeachtaí i Maigh Eo. Chaith duine amháin acu sé seachtaine ag foghlaim na Gaeilge i gCeathrú Thaidhg cúpla bliain ó shin, agus i mbliana chaith duine eile acu trí seachtaine i dTuar Mhic Éadaigh.

Tá sé beartaithe againn cuireadh a thabhairt do Ghaeltacht Thuaisceart an Oileáin Úir teacht go hÉirinn i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2013 mar chuid den Tóstal. Déanfaidh siad turas ar Ghaeltachtaí Mhaigh Eo ó Thuar Mhic Éadaigh go hAcaill, ón Eachléim go Ceathrú Thaidhg. Tá an-suim léirithe acu ins an turas seo, agus táimid ag súil go dtiocfaidh 30 daoine chun blas a fháil den oidhreacht teangeolaíoch, cultúrtha's nádúrtha atá againne anseo i Maigh Eo.



Gaeltacht Thuaisceart an Oileáin Úir

Oifig Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo and the North American Gaeltacht have been working closely together for years, with Mayo teachers teaching there for the past three years and members of their Gaeltacht community attending events in Mayo. A number of years ago one member of their community spent six weeks learning Irish in Ceathrú Thaidhg, and another spent three weeks in Tourmakeady this year.

We have decided to invite the North American Gaeltacht community to Ireland in October 2013 as part of the Gathering. They will have a tour of the Mayo Gaeltacht regions from Tourmakeady to Achill and from Eachléim to Ceathrú Thaidhg. There has been great interest expressed in this trip and we're hoping 30 people will come to enjoy a taste of the linguistic, cultural and natural heritage here in Mayo.

MAYO CIVIL DEFENCE

Mayo Civil Defence is a voluntary organisation comprising of 90 volunteers providing support to emergency services and local communities with highly trained members whose activities are valued by local communities and front line emergency services. The strength of the organisation lies in its voluntary ethos and commitment to purpose with its members willingly and freely giving of their time and expertise. Many examples of their work were witnessed by local communities during the cold spell in late 2010 and early 2011 and they are on standby to help local communities again in the event of severe weather.

Mayo Civil Defence is committed to maintaining an environment that allows its members to carry out their duties, displaying a positive and professional image that reflects well on the organisation at all times.

Mayo Civil Defence expenditure budget for 2012 was €140,000. This is part Grant Aided by the Civil Defence Board / Department of Defence. The Budget for 2012 has been reduced in line with overall budgetary requirements and Mayo Civil Defence will continue to provide services to the public as in previous years.

Mayo Civil Defence Resources

Volunteers	90
Vehicles	14
Boats	3
Command and Control Unit	1



All members receive training in the following areas:

- Pre hospital emergency care
- Auxiliary Fire Service
- Communications
- Rescue
- Water Rescue –Boat
- Welfare – Humanitarian services
- Search Management
- Radiation Emergencies

Highlights of 2012

Awards Night 2012 - 15th June 2012, Mayo County Council Cathaoirleach, Austin Francis O Malley and Civil Defence College Principal, Roisin McGuire and Director of Services, Joe Loftus attended our annual awards night in The Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar.

Certificates presented on the night included:

- Cardiac First Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Radio Operator Level 2
- Water / Flood Awareness
- Manual Handling
- Coastal Navigation / Advanced Power Boat
- Child Protection – Keeping Safe

Long Service Medals

Members received 20 year service medals and 10 year medals



A number of Volunteer Officer Promotions were announced by Civil Defence Officer Rose Doherty

Civil Defence Centre – Ballina

Mayo Civil Defence in co operation with Mayo Fire Service has developed a Training Centre and Vehicle Garage in the old Library premises Ballina. This has been achieved by the effective management of Mayo Civil Defence resources and finances, resulting in a fit for purpose facility in North Mayo which will sustain the organisation in this area for many years to come and provide a base for operations in this area.

Civil Defence National Training Seminar

5 Members of the organization attended the seminar in Greenhills Hotel, Limerick. Many interesting presentations were delivered by the Guest speakers and a Large Trade show was evident showcasing the most up to date Emergency equipment available

Regional Exercise – Sligo

Mayo Civil Defence participated in a Civil Defence exercise in Sligo this year. Testing the Casualty, Auxiliary Fire, Team Building, Foot Drill, Search Management skills of our volunteers.



Community Support

Mayo Civil defence attended 96 community support duties throughout the year. These included – adventures races, Community festivals, Charity and Sports events

Emergency Planning

Civil Defence continues to participate actively in all aspects of Emergency planning on a Local, Regional and National level

Mayo Civil Defence Information

If you would like to join Mayo Civil Defence or get more information visit:

- www.civildefence.ie
- Facebook – Mayo Civil Defence
- Contact : Rose Doherty (Civil Defence Officer) 094 9024400 / 087 9443634

PROCUREMENT

Public sector procurement has moved centre stage in the economic policy debate in Ireland. On the one hand attention has focused on the imperative of realising better value for money in the procurement of goods and services by public sector organisations, which forms one aspect of Ireland's overall deficit reduction strategy. Already, significant cost reductions and cashable savings have been achieved by many public sector organisations as part of this drive to reduce expenditure. New economic realities call for bold thinking and new approaches on how this country makes use of its public procurement spend.

Among the central objectives of public procurement in Ireland is to ensure that a "level playing field" exists for all suppliers. To this end the Department of Finance issued Circular 10/2010, which aims to remove barriers frequently encountered by SMEs when competing for public sector contracts. Included among the guidelines contained in Circular 10/2010 is a lower threshold of €25,000 (previously €50,000) for the open advertising of contracts through www.etenders.gov.ie and an emphasis on *proportionality* and *relevance* in qualification criteria used.

Procurement is an area identified for swift action in the local authority reform programme given the opportunity for immediate savings. Very significant savings of €80m have already been achieved by local authorities and reported under the LGERG implementation process. A local authority National Procurement office (LANPO) has been established by Kerry County Council. The LANPO has targeted further savings of €35m for 2013. It is envisaged that the savings will be achieved by the following means:

- LAQuotes to deliver savings of 5% on commodities where frameworks have been established and mini competitions are being conducted, for example Plant Hire and Road making Materials.
- Servicing contracts e.g. lift maintenance, water coolers, gas detection equipment, and water meter calibration, laboratory testing and dosing pumps.
- NPS Frameworks to deliver savings for electricity, Gas, Personal Protective Equipment and clothing, Paper, stationery, Advertising, Janitorial, ICT Consumables, Vehicles, Office equipment etc.
- Local Authority Shared procurement Initiatives for Public lighting, Cash collection, Water Treatment chemicals and Fuel.
- Mayo County Council also avails of the central frameworks agreements currently in place for both mobile phone tariffs and landline tariffs.

The procurement office carries out periodic detailed spend analysis on goods and services throughout the year. This analysis provides the Procurement office with a full and accurate appreciation of where procurement practices need to be targeted.

It is in the interests of all stakeholders in the Irish economy that public sector procurement functions effectively. Among the findings to emerge from our internal analysis is the intention of suppliers to increase their tendering activity in 2013.

The procurement office has witnessed a sharp increase in competition for all contracts as firms vie with one another for business. That an unprecedented number of firms is aiming to do business with Mayo County Council should be viewed as an opportunity to avail of the services of small, flexible firms while also supporting enterprise and jobs at local levels throughout the country. In this way procurement through its policy and practice can play a central role in the economic recovery of Ireland.

ENERGY USAGE IN 2012

The main energy users at Mayo County Council are Water and Waste Treatment services accounting for approx 74% of total Consumption. All other regional services including administration buildings account for the balance 26% of consumption. In general consumption trends are downwards due to reduced demand and improved efficiency initiatives in social housing upgrades & Leisure facility upgrades during 2012.

In 2012, *Mayo County Council* consumed in the region of 31,418 MWh of energy, consisting of:

- 23,829 MWh of electricity; (Reduced Demand Electricity & Natural Gas NPS Tendering in 2012).
- 7,322 MWh of fossil fuels, including (Reduced Demand Natural Gas, LPG, Heating Oil & Transport fuels).
- 266 MWh of renewable fuels (Reduced Demand for wood Pellet due to Boiler Service provision).

Actions Undertaken in 2012

In 2012 Mayo County Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including:

- Energy Upgrade to Ballyhaunis Swimming pool Fabric Insulation, Solar Thermal heating for Domestic Hot Water. Energy efficient filtering system and Variable Speed Drives on pumping systems, which will save an estimated 1MWh
- BMS Control & Monitoring of heating systems in Ballina, Westport Leisure & Claremorris swimming pools, which will save an estimated 0.2MW.
- Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Natural Gas unit Installed in Westport Leisure Centre in 2012 will save an estimated 5.2MWh.
- Insulation & Heating Upgrades to housing stock in Seaview Estate (Ballycastle 22 units), Ballina, Co Mayo under the Social Housing Investment Programme ‘SHIP’ will save an estimated saving 300MWh
- Regional Water services Monitoring & Metering upgrade which will save an estimated 100MWh
- Public Lighting Contact to Electric Skyline Ltd. maintains the public lighting in County Mayo. Public lighting outages and/or faults can be reported by phone or online direct to Electric Skyline.

Altogether, these and other energy saving measures are saving Mayo County Council 407 MWh annually.

Actions Planned for 2013

In 2013 and beyond Mayo County Council intends to further improve our energy performance by undertaking the following initiatives:

- Insulation & Heating Upgrades to housing stock (Bangor Erris, Springfield Estate 18 units & Honors Grove 3 units) under the seai “Area Based Warmer Homes scheme” with CLAR ICH Claremorris which will save an estimated 300MWh annually
- Feasibility study for installation of energy efficient lighting upgrades at our headquarters and Regional offices (estimated saving 120 MWh)
- Funding secured by MEAL under the CGIF to investigate the Feasibility of District Heating (Biomass) system for Belmullet Regional office & urban environs
- Insulation & Heating Upgrades to housing stock (Crossmolina & Belmullet Area Estimated 40 units) under the seai “Area Based Warmer Homes scheme” which will save an estimated 500MWh annually.
- Feasibility study for installation of Water pumping systems to improve efficiency
- Proposed Public Lighting project for Crossmolina as a template for all other towns
- Application for support funding to install Energy efficient Lighting in public buildings under the seai Better Energy Community scheme (estimated 30% saving on Energy consumption) – scheme is dependent on other agencies & service/energy provides participating.

AROUND THE COUNTY 2012



The official opening of Lough Lannagh Pedestrian Bridge by An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny and Mayor, Eugene McCormack which took place on Sunday 15th April 2012 at Lough Lannagh Pedestrian Bridge



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Opening of the Victorian Garden at the Jackie Clarke Collection located at the Provincial Bank on Pearse Street, Ballina



The above photographs were taken at the Official Opening of Ballina Art Centre on 23rd June, 2012.

The opening was performed by An Taoiseach, Mr Enda Kenny, TD, and dignitaries present included Cathaoirleach of Mayo Co Co., Meara of Ballina Town Council, Sean Walsh (Manager, Ballina Arts Centre), Peter Hynes, Co Manager; Michelle Mulherin TD., and staff of Mayo County Council associated with the project.



Pictured at the launch of Mayo's Wild Things and Places are (back row from l to r) Cllr Blackie Gavin, Cllr Michael McNamara, Cllr Michael Holmes, Peter Hynes, Mayo County Manager, Cllr Al McDonnell, Cllr Jarlath Munnelly (front row l to r) Deirdre Cunningham, Mayo Heritage Officer, Cllr Cyril Burke Cathaoirleach, and Cllr Therese Ruane



Mayo County Council hosted a Civic Reception to honour Ms. Maureen Dowd at a function at the Museum of Country Life Turlough, Maureen Dowd Pulitzer Prize Winner columnist of The New York Times.

(l to r sitting) John Condon, Co Secretary, Peggy Dowd, Cyril Burke Cathaoirleach making a presentation to Maureen Dowd, Peter Hynes, Co. Manager. Also included Niall O'Dowd and Mayo County Councillors



An Taoiseach, Deputy Enda Kenny overseen the formal transfer of the former Military Barracks complex in Castlebar to Mayo County Council.

The transfer represents an historic day for the Town as one of the oldest and strategically located properties is transferred to the ownership of Mayo County Council. The barracks was constructed in 1827 as a direct result of the 1798 rebellion in the county with a view to improving Britain's defences in the region. In 1921 the property was transferred to the Irish Army after the War of Independence and has been occupied by the armed forces since that time. While the future use of the premises is yet unclear, Mayo County Council will safeguard and maintain the complex into the future. In time, plans will be put in place to utilise one of the most extensive and centrally located sites in the county town.



Newly elected Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council, Cllr. Cyril Burke, Peter Hynes, County Manager, Michelle Mulhern T.D., Senator Paddy Burke, Cllr's, Family and Friends at Aras An Chontae, Castlebar on 25th June 2012

Launch of The Gathering



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Westport	(098) 50400	Ballinrobe	(094) 9541029
Newport	(098) 41456	Ballinrobe Housing Office	(094) 9541111
Ballina	(096) 76100	Béal an Mhuirthead	(097) 81004

Fire Brigade and Services

Fire Brigade Headquarters
Humbert Way
Castlebar
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Tel: (094) 9021211
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E-mail: fire@mayococo.ie

Fire Brigades (in case of emergency)

Ballina, Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Béal an Mhuirthead, Castlebar, Charlestown, Claremorris, Crossmolina, Gob an Choire, Kiltimagh, Swinford, Westport

999 or 112

County Library

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County Mayo

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E-Mail: librarymayo@mayococo.ie
Web: www.mayolibrary.ie

Branch Libraries

Castlebar Library	(094) 9047959	Crossmolina Library	(096) 31939
Acaill	(098) 20910	Kiltimagh Library	(094) 9381786
Ballina Library	(096) 22180	Louisburgh	(098) 66658
Ballinrobe Library	(094) 9541896	Swinford Library	(094) 9252065
Ballyhaunis Library	(094) 9630161	Westport Library	(098) 25747
Béal an Mhuirthead Library	(097) 82374	Foxford Library	(094) 9256040
Charlestown Library	(094) 9255934	Clare Island	(098) 29838
Claremorris Library	(094) 9371666	Kilkelly Library	(094) 9367758

Mayo Childcare Committee

Chambers House, Ellison Street, Castlebar, County Mayo (094) 9047010

Swimming Pools

Castlebar Swimming Pool	(094) 9021357
Ballina Swimming Pool	(096) 70506
Claremorris Swimming Pool	(094) 9371313

Waterworks Caretakers

Acaill	(098) 45185	Crossmolina	(096) 31396
Balla	(094) 9365008	Cong	(094) 9546068
Ballina	(096) 32313	Foxford	(094) 9256333
Ballindine	(094) 9364276	Kilkelly	(094) 9367071
Ballinrobe	(094) 9541029	Kilmaine/Shrule	(093) 33436
Ballycastle	(096) 43106	Kiltimagh	(094) 9381392
Ballyhaunis	(094) 9649026	Knock	(094) 9381742
Bangor Erris	(097) 83436	Lough Mask / Treatment Plant	(094) 9544029
Béal an Mhuirthead	(097) 84646	Louisburgh	(098) 66266
Bonniconlon	(096) 71146	Newport/Mulranny	(098) 36181
Charlestown	(094) 9254633	Swinford	(094) 9251898
Claremorris	(094) 9362416	Westport	(098) 21295

Town Councils

Ballina	(096) 76100
Castlebar	(094) 9023350
Westport	(098) 50400

Civic Amenity Sites

Derrinnumera	(098) 41632
Rathroon	(096) 24055/(096) 75959

APPENDIX 1

Payment to Members of Mayo County Council
and
Non-members of Mayo County Council in 2012

APPENDIX 2

Donation Statements by Members of Local Authority
1st January 2012 – 31st December 2012