MONTH, YEAR

Highlights

Chief Executive Report KEVIN KELLY



Grant Funded Capital Projects

Further to earlier workshops with the Elected Members the second Quarterly Report on Capital Co-funded projects has been prepared and is about to be circulated to the Members.

The report outlines a total of 83 projects which are underway, and at various stages of the delivery process. A further 30 projects are listed, which are at an earlier stage of development and for which funding sources need to be identified.

Since the first Quarterly Report on Capital projects a total of 20 projects have been fully completed and are awaiting the outcome of claims or finalising claims.

In addition, a further 20 projects have progressed through Public Spending Code stages, appointing contractors and/ or moving to implementation.

In respect of the funding requirements an application has been made to the Department for loan approval in the sum of €15m and a response is awaited.

Dates to Note



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Roads: LIS funding of €610,944 provided by DCRD. Strategic Assessment Report submitted to TII for N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford and has now been approved.

Architects: Planning Permission received (Part 8) for Carnacon (9 units). Tender approval received for housing schemes to Westport (50 units) & Atlantic Drive (4 Units)

Parks: New Clar funded community playground on Inishturk completed. New grant funded MUGA completed at Carrotigue. Completion of training for 12 MCC outdoor staff inspectors for use of playground inspection app, & training in the safe use of ladders. Completion of annual inspections of MCC's 120 outdoor recreational facilities.

Heritage: Funding secured under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund for 2 projects: Community Biodiversity Education Programme and Old Irish Goat Gunnera Grazing Project. Coordination of National Heritage Week in Mayo 13th to 21st August, 80 events held.

Conservation: Appointment of research assistant services for the Westport Irish Historic Towns Atlas.

Dates to Note

N26 Cloongullane Bridge Official Opening Thursday October 13th

Roads SPC – 20th Sept, 2022

Next meeting of DCB Working Group will take place on Tuesday 11th October 2022

Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund – Total number of expressions of interest in 2022, - 94

Hedge cutting season opened on 1st September, 2022

Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport Turlough scheme with project completion due in Q2 2023.
- Construction works substantially complete on the N26 Cloongullane scheme with scheme now open to traffic.
- Tender assessment on going for N60 Heathlawn scheme with contractor to be appointed in September 2022.
- N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass is at Phase 2 route option stage with preferred route to be identified in Q4 2022. Public consultation to be held in September 2022.
- Contract documents for the N59 Newport Derrada scheme undergoing final review which will be followed with a request to TII to proceed to tender.
- Strategic Assessment Report has commenced for the N58 Foxford By- Pass.
- Public Consultation held in relation to Newport Greenway Scheme and possible route options being identified.
- Consultant appointed to progress design works on 4 bridges in the Regional and Local Road Bridge Rehabilitation Programme. Contractor appointed to undertake repair works to 4 other bridges on the programme.

Housing

The new Housing Programme 'Housing for All '2022-2026 is now underway. The target for 2022 is 90 houses and projects are currently in progress to achieve same.

HAP & RAS (July & August 2022)

- 29 delivered under HAP,
- 4 delivered under RAS

Total of 1,998 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of May.

Leasing (July & August 2022)

• 6 houses delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: 368 households currently supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo (303 STL; 19 RLS; 28 LTL; 18 LTL MTR HFL)

Homelessness – 18 homeless presentations in July & August 2022 (20 adults 5 children) Total presentation for 2022 -86.

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

To date: - 247 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received 236 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

42 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received and 34 have been approved to date

Ukrainian Refugees: - Mayo County Council have responded to the Refugee crisis by identifying multi-person properties for refugees as well as inspecting pledged vacant properties. According to the latest CSO data there are apx. 1,500 Ukrainian refugees in Mayo.

Procurement & Efficiency Unit

- Continued to monitor plant hire requisitions as part of the Ms4 workflow.
- Machinery Yard received 1 new medium commercial
- \bullet Continuing to assist with National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) submission deadline Sept $22^{\rm nd}$
- Retendered for supply of Road Signs

MANAGEMENT UPDATE



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Civil Defence Officers took part in the local National Services Day event which enabled Civil Defence Officers to meet colleagues from across the emergency services and view their equipment, it was an opportunity to interact with the public.

Dates to Note

Fire Safety Week
17th to 21st October 2022

Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



Environment - Water & Air Teams:

- 21 complaints received (June & July)
- 61 Inspections carried out (June & July)
- 1 new Discharge Licence issued & 3 Discharge Licence apps received.
- Awareness of septic tank maintenance circulated on Social Media.
- Bathing Water Monitoring Programme proceeding & Warning Notices issued when required.

Anti – Dumping Initiative 2022:

Projects successfully completed under Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022 over July/ Aug included remediation of 11 illegal dump sites and the installation of audio devices at several bottle banks to deter dumping.

Veterinary: Animal Welfare Workshop

On 14th July the Veterinary Department organised a workshop to facilitate collaborating with all Animal Welfare Organisations and Councillors in Mayo to work out best practice for animal welfare ex gratia funding. Mr. Seán O'Laoide, Chair of the Companion Animal Welfare Advisory Council, facilitated the workshop. Each organisation made a presentation on the work they carry out.

Civil Defence Summer 2022 - Operations: Civil Defence has attended 28 event/taskings throughout the Summer months including sports events, community festivals, missing person searches and assisting Mayo County Council with the Ukranian Crisis.

Equipment: Civil Defence has recently taken delivery of two new vehicles funded via the Department of Defence – Dormant Accounts Grant

- Peugeot Multi Purpose Passenger Vehicle
- Ford Ranger 4x4 Vehicle

Inter-agency/National: Officers hold regular meetings with the Civil Defence Branch at the Department of Defence to keep updated on national issues and activities.

Emergency Services: Health and Safety:

The Fire Service continued to retain accreditation of their Safety Management System to ISO 45001 following an external audit by the National Standards Authority of Ireland.

Rural Water - Consulting Engineers have been appointed to Robeen, Carra, Rossport, Attymass Callow Killgalgan, Johnstown/Levally Roe and Roy Bingham GWS's and Murrisk CWC. Downpatrick CWC has been completed. Contractors have been appointed to Midfield, Irishtown, Killasser and Barnacaroll GWS.

Mains Rehabilitation Projects - Mains Rehab Crew will be mobilising to Inver, Barnatra to carry out watermain replacement works.



MANAGEMENT UPDATE



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Planning Data for July 2022

- Applications Received: 116
- Decisions to Grant: 85
- Decisions to Refuse: 6
- Forthcoming Decisions: Not available retrospectively
- Formal Preplanning applications: 4
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 52

Planning Data for August 2022

- Applications Received: 92
- Decisions to Grant: 73
- Decisions to Refuse: 5
- Forthcoming Decisions: 124
- Formal Preplanning applications: 6
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 51

	July	August
PL Claims	2	5
FOI Request	12	11
Ombudsman Claims	1	2

Dates to Note

SPC

The next Corporate, Culture, Education, Heritage and Library Services SPC will be held on 14th September 2022.

Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



Human Resources

New Appointments in July & August 2022

2 x Clerical Officer, 1 x Plant Fitter, 4 X General Operative, 1 x Executive Engineer, 2 x ECO, 1 x Assistant Fire Officer, 1 Exec Engineer, 1 Irish Officer

Promotions

1 x Exec Technician (Housing), 1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 1 X Clerical Officer, 7 X Executive Engineer, 1 x Senior Exec Engineer, 2 x Water Network Plumber, 3 EEs, 1 AO, 1 AE

Competitions July / August 2022

Advertised - LIFE Lough Carra Project – 1 x Community Administrator and 1 x Groundwater Officer, Staff Officer (Grade V)

Competitions Screened/Shortlisted - Environmental Enforcement Officer

Interviews held - Senior Executive Technician (Roads & Architectural/Housing), Pool Lifeguard/Swim Teacher, Healthy County Co-Ordinator, Business Advisor, Senior Staff Officer, Retained Firefighter – various locations, Assistant Resident Engineer, Resident Engineer Senior Resident Engineer

Retirements in July/Augusts - 2 x Ganger

Communications

Public information updates on traffic disruption, Water repairs, recruitment. **Diaspora Engagement**

- Milwaukee Irish Festival 18-22 Aug 2022 MCC Delegation hosted a Mayo Stand, promoting the County as a destination of choice. There were 80k plus visitors.
- MCC supported The Admiral Brown Society in hosting The Captain and The Crew of The Libertad Ship visit to Foxford.

Key promotional Campaigns

Do not swim & prior warning notices in beaches, Septic tanks & wastewater, WEEE Ireland Electrical Waste, Blue/green algae warning, Stop Food Waste tips, Leave No Trace, Bag It and Bin It, Eco literacy.

- Heritage Week 2022, Pride of Place, Culture Night 2022 Irish Language Events, HER Outdoors Week.
- Funding call outs Culture Night 2022, Local Live Performance Programming Scheme Phase 4, Community Centres, Croí Conaithe Housing.
- Library Events: children's storytelling, Songs & Stories of the Irish Navvies.
- Dog Pound Update, dog walking on beaches.
- Public Consultations: #HaveYourSay, Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027, Ballina and Enniscrone Recreational Trail, Turlough Road Project Public Art Survey.
- Sports Partnership Arts Events and Newsletter and Photos of the Day of key landmarks.

Property and Organisational Change

- The Former Library, Mountain View, Castlebar was advertised for sale.
- Part of the former Volex Building, Drumconlan, Castlebar was advertised for sale.
- Progress Expression of Interest process for the Westport Courthouse and Keel Sandybanks Caravan Park.

Planning

Public consultation process held on Draft Ministerial Direction on Interim County Development Plan. Date for Workshop to be confirmed. Work ongoing to complete new Residential Zoned Land Tax mapping for deadline of 01 November 2022. Further briefing to be provided to members.





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- A Start Your Own Business training programme took place in August. Autumn training programme schedule is available to book online on LEO website (additional programmes being added on an ongoing basis)
- Autism Surfing programme started in Carrowniskey strand on 21 August for 4 weeks
- Her Outdoor week took place 8–14 August with 26 different events and over 260 participants
- Promotion of Clew Bay Trail 28-29 July with MCC on Mid-West Radio &. social media platforms
- Croagh Patrick VR Experience presented to EMs of West Mayo MD on 25 July
- VR Experience now available at the Mulranny Activities Services Centre, located on the GWG at Mulranny
- MCC attended Milwakee Irish
 Fest Trade Event 18-21 August

Dates to Note

- Collins Plastics (Ballina), will exhibit to 300,000 people at the National Ploughing Championships as part of the LEO Village
- Filming on the GWG for new RTÉ TV series 'Neven's Irish Greenways 13-14 Sept & will air on RTE in early 2023
- National Fitness Day 22 Septwww.nationalfitnessday.ie
- European week of Sport 23–30
 Sept.
- 23 Sept Culture Night 2022.
 28 events funded through the
 Event Fund, supported by

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism JOANNE GREHAN



Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- Business Advisory Clinics took place in Ballina, Claremorris and Westport in early August and will continue to be held on a regular basis in venues around the County
- EU MegaAWE project continues its construction works in Bangor Erris. Work is ongoing to re-arrange the project deliverables and find a suitable replacement airborne wind energy developer following the exit of Ampyx power from the project
- MCC have submitted an application to ABP for approval of plans for the remediation
 of the Claremorris Closed Landfill. Public Consultation Stage is now closed, decision
 due by the end of November 2022.

Strategic Capital Projects

- Ongoing collaboration and information-sharing with DRCD in relation to all schemes
- MCC carrying out internal reviews of projects due for submission for claim to DRCD
- Preparation of Quarterly Report of Capital Projects in progress.

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Activator Pole Walking took place at the Bowers Riverside walk on 26 July on the new Fitstix trail as part Ballinrobe Festival
- Sport Ireland launched €2m 'Sport for All' Disability Supports Club Fund as part of this year's NGB Dormant Accounts Fund. Closing date for applications from NGBs is September 1
- 17 applications supported under Local Live Performance Programming Scheme Phase 4. Funding (€140K) is for countywide programme between now & October 31
- Mayo County Childcare are providing information and support to childminders on the Childminding Development Grant funding scheme 2022
- National Pride of Place competition: Kilmovee Category 2 Population (300 1,000) and Achill Tourism Category 9 Community Tourism Initiatives.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- MCC attended the Bonniconlon Agricultural Show (1 August) and provided a display and offered information on various activities/attractions from around the county
- Approval of 5 ORIS M1 2022 projects & 1 Design Grant (Total Value €236,877) announced by DRCD
- GWG Improvements at Turlough now completed & opened to the public
- Contract awarded in respect of GWG Section 1D (Murrisk to Bertra) work to commence 15 August & completion within 6 weeks
- Hosted a media fam trip for various international travel journalists, from the 19-21 August, involving an Island-hopping experience of Clew Bay
- The following projects have been shortlisted under the Chambers Ireland Local Government Awards 2022: The Clew Bay Bike Trail & The FitSticks Trail Project.

Library Services

- 'The Craic was good in Cricklewood' a talk on the Irish in Britain by Ultan Cowley was held in Belmullet Library on 16 August
- The Music Generation Roadshow attended Ballina & Belmullet Libraries on 17 August. Over 60 children got the opportunity to try out various musical instruments
- Open evening at Claremorris Library held on 19 August to introduce the Claremorris Library Graveyard Restoration project
- Open day of music, circus and heritage took place on 18 August in the Jackie Clarke Collection to mark 10 years of the walled garden

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Financial Management, Information Systems & Motor Taxation

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