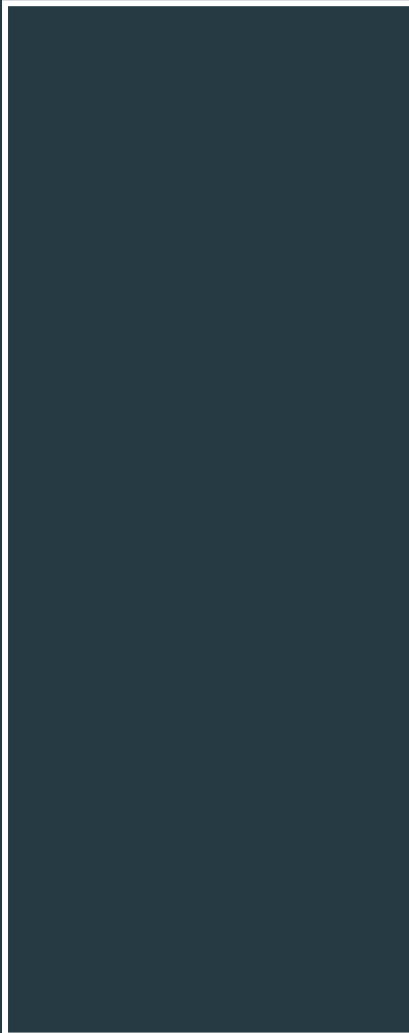


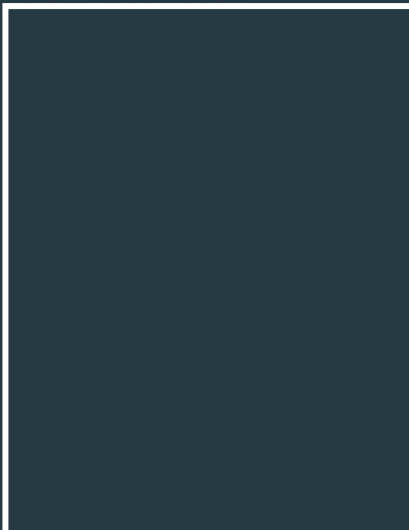


February 2023

Highlights



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



Previous reports to the Council set out our overall position in respect of grant funded Capital Projects.

The high-level overview is broadly as follows based on figures previously compiled:

	Project Cost	Grant /Other Funding	MCC Co-funding
Projects being Advanced	€69 m	€52.5 m	€16.50 m
Projects Proposed – Some un-costed	€111 m	€87.5 m	€23.50 m

The projects that are being advanced require the drawdown of the €15m loan approved by Council but which has not yet been approved by the Department.

In respect of the proposed projects the costings are preliminary and incomplete and what is outlined above is a minimum level of funding required. All of these projects will require successful grant funding applications in due course which will then in turn require MCC co-funding from a source or sources which have not yet been identified.

There are a number of projects that may be submitted for funding under a particular grant funding stream and the order of priority of grant applications must be determined.

In some cases, an initial grant funding application will be required in order to allow the project to advance through earlier work including preliminary design and costings before the submission of a funding application for construction.

I set out hereunder the projects contained in the quarterly update to members which are currently unfunded and have set out the possible funding streams that might be most appropriate (although this will be kept under review and is subject to funding calls). Consideration needs to be given to our future co-funding capacity and the sequence of project development.

URDF Category 1	URDF Category 2	RRDF Category 1	RRDF Category 2
Ballina Town Centre / Quay Castlebar Barracks	Ballina Town Centre / Quay	Ballyhaunis Convent Belmullet Regeneration Killala Town Centre Westport Quay Ballinrobe Courthouse Renovation Ballintubber Abbey Fit Out	Belmullet Regeneration Killala Town Centre Westport Quay
ORIS	Sports Capital	Trails & Cycleways	Faite Ireland
Ceide Coastal Walk Downpatrick Head Moorehall Ballycroy Coastal Trail	Lough Lannagh Climbing Wall Lands at Knockaphunta	Mount Falcon Trail Greenway Monasteries of the Moy Cycleway Knockmore to Pontoon Trail Lough Lannagh Walking Trail	Keem Bay Ceide Coastal Walk Lost Treasures Trail
Other			
IWAK SDZ - REDF Charlestown Civic and Cultural Centre - EU Croagh Patrick Coach Parking - FI			

Note Category 1 is for developments ready to proceed and Category 2 is to advance projects to Category 1



Directorate Highlights

Roads

Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough scheme. Castlebar By -Pass section to open by end of February with remainder of the scheme to open by end of April 2023

2023 Active Travel allocation of €4,500,000 notified by NTA. A total of 46 projects included.

Part 8 planning for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme was approved at January Castlebar MD meeting. Detailed design and land acquisition to now proceed.

Architects

Part 8 approved for Church Manor, Ballina (3 units)
Part 8 approved for Mount Street, Claremorris (6 units)
Part 8 lodged for Swinford (Kiltimagh Rd – 3 units)

Heritage

Mayo Heritage Form workshop – held on 19th Jan.
Publication & distribution of Mayo Heritage Calendar 2023.
Funding application submitted to The Heritage Council under County Heritage Plan Programme.

Dates to Note

Vacant Homes Workshops to be held
Leeson Enterprise Centre, Westport, 10th February .
Cultural Centre, Swinford, 14th February
Ballina Civic Offices, Ballina, 15th February
Aras an Chontae, Castlebar, Tuesday 21st February

SPCs

Housing SPC held on 17th Feb.

Roads & Transportation to be held on 28th February.

Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development

TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

- Construction work on-going at N60 Heathlawn, completion due in Aug 2024
- N60 Manulla Scheme is at route option phase with preferred route to be identified in Q1 2023. Public consultation to be held in March 2023.
- Construction works on going on N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme. Scheme completion now due by end of February 2023.
- N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass is at Phase 2 route option stage, with preferred route to be finalised by April 2023. Public consultation to be held in May 2023
- Contract documents for the N59 Newport – Derrada scheme undergoing final review. Request will follow to TII to proceed to tender in Q1 2023.
- Consultant procurement ongoing for N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford Scheme for phases 2 to 4 of scheme delivery.
- Strategic Assessment Report for the N58 Foxford By- Pass currently being updated following on from TII review.
- Part 8 planning for R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall published on 13th December. Part 8 report currently being prepared.
- Design report submitted to TII for N60 Brickens re-alignment at railway overbridge.
- Tender assessment is complete in relation to the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project with contract award to follow.
- Contractor has commenced on site with N84 widening north of Shrulc.

Housing

The overall target for Social Housing under Housing For All is 730 up to 2026. The target for 2022 was 90 units, 91 was provided. The 2023 target is 151 units and projects are currently underway to meet this target. There was no target set for Mayo for Affordable Housing however we have been approved for one project and are developing proposals for other developments.

HAP & RAS (Jan., 2023)

- 15 No. delivered under HAP,
- 5 No. delivered under RAS

Total of 1,974 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of January.

Leasing (Jan., 2023)

- 3 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: No. 373 households currently supported under the Leasing Programme.

Homelessness – 10 No. homeless presentations for January 2023.

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme To date: -

290 - Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received

276 - Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

61 - Stage 2 Grant approval applications received and 50 approved to date

44 - Stage 3 Grant stage payments have been made.

Procurement & Efficiency

- Plant Hire competitions published for all the Municipal Districts
- Ongoing evaluation of the Lough Lannagh Service provider tender
- Published bathing water monitoring services competition on e-tenders
- E-tenders publishing for development and facilitation of Mayo Comhairle na nÓg.



Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



Directorate Highlights

Environmental Awareness:

Awarding of prizes for Christmas Decoration Competition



Environment

Waste Permitting and Enforcement Update:

One review Waste Facility Permit has been granted.

One new Waste Facility Permit application received and is being processed.

Climate Action:

MPRN and GPRN figures were submitted to SEAI as part of annual Public Sector Monitoring and Reporting for 2022.

A Mayo County Council Energy Team meeting was held on the 18th January. The success of the Reduce Your Use campaign so far was reviewed. A report on this will be provided at the February energy meeting.

Three Energy Efficiency Pathfinder projects were submitted to SEAI.

Water & Air team:

9 complaints received (December), 5 Inspections carried out with 2 Enforcement actions taken (December), 1 New Discharge Licence Issued, 2 Discharge Licence applications being processed. 6 Planning files referred (December).

Environmental Awareness:

Recycling of Christmas Tree Campaign.

Biodiversity & Composting workshop St. Joseph's Secondary School, Castlebar

Rural Water

- **Design & Tender Stages** are progressing on the following Group Water Schemes: Ballycroy, Attymass, Derryvohey, Mayo DBO bundle No 2, Robeen, Cuilleens, Drimbane, Ellybay / Backsod, Callow Lake, Dooyork, Cregduff, Kilgalligan, Johnstown / Lavellyroe, Knocknakell, Roy Bingham, Murrisk, Aughinish, Cleragh, Enabeg. SDS Consulting Engineers have been appointed as Employers Reps for Brackloon / Westport GWS (Measure 5).
- **Construction Stage** is progressing on the following Group water Schemes; Tooreen / Aghamore GWS (Measure 3), Rossport GWS (Measure 5), Cornboy GWS (Measure 5), Midfield GWS (Measure 2), Killaturley GWS (Measure 2), Tooreen / Aghamore (Measure 2), Midfield (Measure 3), Killasser GWS (Measure 3), Irishtown GWS (Measure 5), Derry GWS, Barnacarroil GWS & Cloonmoore / Cloonlavish GWS (All Measure 5) .
- **Construction Stage Completed** on following Group Water Schemes; Meelickmore, Knockatubber, Drum / Binghamstown, Killaturely (Measure 3), Glencorrib, Killmurray, Drumsheen / Newtown, Loughnamon and Downpatrick Head CWC.
- **Public Mains Rehabilitation Projects:** Mains Rehab Crew are working on the Carne Rd, Belmullet
- **Public Find and Fix Project Work Areas:** The find and fix crews are working in Castlebar and Ballina.

Fire Service

MCC successfully delivered a training course for newly appointed Junior Officers. The course was accredited by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management and was the first such course delivered by a Fire Authority.

Mayo Fire Service have just taken delivery of a water tanker with a capacity of over 8,000L. Once commissioned for operational use it will enhance our operational capability particularly at rural incidents.

Dates to Note

WEEE Ireland Electrical Recycling Events.

Meet and Greet' Waste Awareness Morning with Castlebar Chamber of Commerce.



Directorate Highlights

Planning Data for January 2023

- Applications Received: 58
- Decisions to Grant: 70
- Decisions to Refuse: 2
- Forthcoming Decisions: 131
- Formal Preplanning applications: 7
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 52
- Appeals - An Bord Pleanála: 2

FOI Request	9 Requests & 1 Internal Review
Insurance Claims	31
Ombudsman Cases	5
Total Calls Answered	3907

Dates to Note

Planning and Economic SPC – 6th March 2023.

Ethics Declarations – deadline for submission – 28th February 2023

Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



Human Resources

New Appointments in Jan 2023

- 1 x Senior Resident Engineer, 5 x Clerical Officer, 2 x Emergency Control Operator, 2 x Work placement

Promotions

- 1 x Assistant Fire Officer, 1 x Executive Engineer

Competitions

Advertised in January 2023

- Beach Lifeguards, Belmullet Tidal Pool Lifeguards, Retained Firefighter – Achill Sound, Ballina, Ballyhaunis, Charlestown, Claremorris, Kiltimagh, Swinford & Westport, Clerical Officer

Competitions Screened/Shortlisted

- Town Regeneration Officer, Electrician, Emergency Control Operator

Interviews held

- Staff Officer

Retirements in January

- 1 x Foreman, 1 x WWGrade V, 1 x Craftworker (Plumber), 2 x General Operative

Death in Service

- Senior Staff Officer

Training Figures for January 2023

Indoor - 50 indoor staff participated in Public Spending Code, Mental Health in the Workplace, Competency Based Interview Skills and Superannuation training.

Outdoor - 117 outdoor staff received training on Manual Handling, Driver CPC, Winter Service Operator, SLG at Roadworks, Chainsaw, Mini Digger and Site Dumper training.

Communications

- Public information updates
- Media Responses to local and national Media queries,
- Nominations closed for the Cathaoirleach's Awards – 102 nominations were received across 11 categories. Awards ceremony will take place on March 2nd
- 2023 GMA Funding Callout initiated.
- Plans for Mayo Day 2023 underway - flagship event taking place in Ballina.

Key promotional campaigns – Web & Social Media

- Arts Funding (Various)
- Recruitment
- Community Monuments Funding, Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023 and Historic Structures Fund 2023 Funding

Oifig na Gaeilge

- Irish-language communications campaign completed for Cathaoirleach's Awards 2022
- Compliance planning commenced for advertising requirements under Official Languages Act

Corporate

Elected Members Donations Declarations – all submitted within timeframe.



Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



Directorate Highlights

- IDA executives visited Mayo in Jan & met with several major employers & indigenous companies & viewed the Ballina Innovation Quarter site
- Mayo companies exhibited at the Local Enterprise Showcase, a 3 day event involving over 4000 retailers from across the globe, in late Jan
- Achill Tourism were runners-up in the Community Tourism Category in 2022 Pride of Place Awards 21 Jan
- MSP allocated €123k in COVID 19 funding from Sport Ireland
- The Jackie Clarke Collection have secured the loan of Eamonn Ceant's uileann pipes for the Connact Feladh
- The 'Time To Read Programme' 2023 launched with Castlebar Educate Together
- A new film ('Brigid, Our Spirit Stirring'), created by older people from Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan & Sligo launched 1 Feb, captures the creative outputs of an Age & Opportunity art project carried out in partnership with Age Friendly Ireland & funded by the Creative Ireland Programme. RTE.ie

Dates to Note

- FI Regional Festival & Participative Events 2023 funding call - closing 24 Feb
- Local Enterprise Week 2023 6-10 March
- Community Support Scheme 2022 (under the CAF 2022) will be advertised 22 Feb. Mayo PPN will hold 2 info workshops to assist community groups with the MCC online application system. Contact mayoppn@mayoppn.ie for info
- Closing date for the annual Arts Grant Schemes 16 March. For details click [HERE](#)

Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee held 25 Jan - 6 projects supported
- DRCD in conjunction with Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) have announced the OurKidsCode program will be funded again in 2023
- The 5G Network pilot project on Clare Island, in conjunction with the Clare Island eHealth project, is progressing & will be completed by summer 2023

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Mayo LCDC awarded funding to develop a Local Development Strategy for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 following successful EOI Submission
- MSP successfully applied for the Pilot Physical Activity for Health Officer Project, to be rolled out in 2023, which is aimed at bridging the gap between people with chronic illness and MSP mainstream programmes
- MSP Sports Volunteer Training Programme details available [HERE](#)
- Free training is being provided for Community Groups registered with Mayo PPN, including: Writing Grant Application Forms, Managing Social Media, Leadership for Community Groups, Code of Governance for Community Groups etc. Contact mayoppn@mayoppn.ie for dates and links to training
- Mayo County Childcare are organising Early Years music sessions & planning Soundworlds prog with Music Generation Mayo Coordinator for Q1 2023
- Mayo Arts Office facilitated the delivery of Youth Theatre Workshop in Jan with New Stage Youth Theatre, Foxford & Iorras Youth Theatre
- Mayo County Childcare are part of a West/North West Department pilot of Tús Maith Transitions from preschool to primary school project, including facilitation of workshop with Early Years & Primary School Educators 24 Jan

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- The Tourism Section participated at The Holiday World Trade Events in Belfast 20-22 Jan & in Dublin 27-29 Jan
- Part VIII Planning Process in respect of Outdoor Facilities at Carrowmore Beach commenced 31 Jan
- Works underway on the following ORIS projects: Erris Head Trailhead, Raheen Woods Trailhead, Dooagh Loop Walk

Library Services

- Interactive 'magic table', for adults with dementia or children & adults with additional needs, installed in Castlebar Library
- Sensory services extended in branch libraries with the provision of sensory beanbags (designed by Amanda McGuinness from AsIAM & created by Mayo based company Elephant)
- New initiative launching in Castlebar Library with Croi will allow blood pressure to be taken in the library. Tablets, board games & reminiscences sessions will also be provided to people over 50
- The Jackie Clarke Collection had a total of 27,372 visitors in 2022
- 'Fighting Words' workshops for teenagers now running in Castlebar Library
- Ballina Library held a number of events in January including Chinese New Year Cultural Event for children 12 Jan, Motivational Talk from John Connell on mental health issues for men 25 Jan etc.

