

May 21

Highlights

Highlights of the Month:

Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



Mayo Day 2021 reached new heights this year through the delivery of a range of high quality productions over the Mayo Day weekend. Launching the 2021 programme was a collaboration with the Irish Times, Western People and Mayo County Council. **Mayo – A world class place to do business** provided a national platform for established and new business in Mayo, to discuss doing business in the County. Facilitated by Irish Times & Breaking news editors, the virtual evening presented detailed discussion on the advantages and opportunities of building successful Business from Mayo.

On Mayo day, a record breaking day of online interaction across social media saw Mayo people globally, get involved, with initial analysis of online activity showing a staggering reach of in excess of **36.1million** for #mayoday. The flagship offering for Mayo Day 2021 was the collaboration project with TG4. **Mayo Day – Ár bPobal, Our people**, broadcast on TG4 and simultaneously on TG4 player worldwide showcased the very best of People and Place. While viewership figures are not available for some weeks, initial feedback from at home and away on the show has been extremely positive

Rural Regeneration and Development

MCC was delighted to receive confirmation of **€8.279,000 million** funding for Westport projects provided under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund in mid-April. The figure will be allocated to the proposed works which include the: Restoration, reuse and extension of the former St. Patrick's National School (former Convent School) as a new co-located Municipal District Library and multi-use Community facility. Restoration of the Convent Annex buildings and Greenhouse to provide long term facilities for community groups. This project is a great boost for the town, enhancing the area for those who live in, work in, and visit the town and indeed the County. When completed, this project will see the successful regeneration of vacant and semi-derelict buildings into a modern library and a vibrant home for some of the active community groups in the town. I would like to acknowledge all the team who put such creative and innovative thought into the submission of this proposal". This regeneration project will kick-start the redevelopment of this landmark site as it is also intended to co-locate new Municipal District Office buildings at this location, creating a vibrant active community hub for the town and environs. Funding received or confirmed to Mayo County Council under the Rural / Urban Regeneration Development funds are in excess of €20 million over recent times, a significant figure for this County.

Dates to Note

Upcoming events & meetings to note:



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Planning statistics

Applications received - 142
Decisions to grant - 83
Decision to refuse - 6
Applications in hand - 151
Formal Preplanning applications - 29
Appeals to An Bord Pleanála - 4
1267 Submissions to the Draft County Development Plan received and under consideration for statutory report to Elected Members (due 04th June 2021)

Dates to Note

Corporate, Cultural and Heritage SPC – 14th May.

Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development

Catherine Mc Connell



CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

New Appointments:

- 1 Staff Officer
- 2 IS Tech Support
- 1 Executive Engineer
- 1 Assistant Engineer
- 2 Work Placement

Promotions:

3 Executive Scientists

Campaigns Advertised:

Temporary Dog Warden

Interviews in April:

- Beach & Belmullet Tidal Pool Lifeguards
- Retained Firefighters(Castlebar, Ballina, Swinford, Westport)
- Water & Waste Water Caretaker Erris

Retirements:

- 2 Retirements

FOI Requests

- 20

Insurance Claims

8

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- New service-based operating model implemented for the department.
- Rollout of HR approvals workflow for automated, paperless HR systems processing.
- Systems Thinking workshop provided to IS staff courtesy of Ms. Sharon Boyle, Lecturer, GMIT.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Public Information Updates

Campaigns

•Outdoor seating & accessories for tourism & hospitality grant • Poetry Day Ireland •Applications for ex-gratia funding for animal welfare organisations • Launch of Healthy Mayo Strategic plan • Mayo – A world Class place to do business event with Irish Times.

#Mayoday • Mayo.ie Western People Women's mini marathon

Media: Press statements/releases issued on a variety of LA matters.

Diaspora Engagement – preparations for Mayo Day 2021. Promotion of activities overseas. Launch of *Home to Mayo 2022*

Oifig na Gaeilge • Translations for adverts, publications and ongoing translation of www.mayo.ie

Road Safety Awareness: • Road Safety Road Show delivered virtually to over 130 schools in the region • Awareness campaigns.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Company CRM Project Ongoing:

Enhouse Customer Contact Centre - Ongoing

Planning Digitisation Project

National Services Catalogue - Stage 1 is 100% complete - Delayed by Covid19

Council & MD Online Meetings via Teams operating successfully

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



John Condon

Environment - Climate Action:

Climate Action on Mayo Day

MCC's five Directors, recorded a video which was released on Mayo Day, highlighting some of the work being undertaken in their directorate in relation to Climate Action.

LA Climate Action Training Programme

The LASNTG mandatory LA Climate Action Training has been rolled out to all Grade 6 and equivalent staff this month.

Environmental Awareness:

Distribution of National Spring Clean Supplies to Communities and Families. Irish Wildlife Trust second phase of 'Bees for People' workshops with communities in Balla and Belmullet. Green Waste /compost promotion at Civic Amenity Centres. Promotion of "My Waste, My Business" Campaign.

Veterinary:

Ex- Gratia Funding: The Veterinary Dept have advertised and invited animal welfare organisations to apply for funding under the animal welfare allocation for 2021. The closing date is 4.00 p.m. Friday, 28th May, 2021.

National Parks and Wildlife Service

The Dog Warden Service in conjunction with the National Parks & Wildlife Service did a social media campaign during the Easter Bank holiday. The campaign reminded Dog Owners visiting any of the National Parks amenities to make sure their dog was kept under control. Wildlife and Hill Sheep roam freely in these areas and may become injured if dogs are off leash.

Emergency Services

MCC received approval to proceed with the construction of a new Fire Station at Crossmolina with total grant aid support not exceeding €1,960,173 inc. VAT.

Water Services

- Confirmation has been received of additional grant funding, in the sum of €1,295,000.00, from DHLGH for the upgrade of Cloonmoore / Cloonlavish GWS, connection to the public water supply and Taking in Charge by IW. Total funding allocated to the project is now €1,545,000.00. Contractor to be appointed in early May.
- A request has been submitted to the DHLGH for additional funding of €121,253.00 to proceed with the construction of a new Community Water connection for Downpatrick Head. The cost of the proposed project will now be €430,147.00.
- Michael Mc Dermott SEE attended the West MD meeting on 26th April and gave a presentation on the progress and process involved in preparing GWS to be Taken in Charge by Irish Water.
- The Water Services Direct Labour Team have just completed the replacement of 140m of water mains in Shore Road / Seaview Housing Estate, Belmullet.
- The Water Services Direct Labour Team are now involved in the renewal of 4050m of existing watermain and installation of 200m of new watermain in Currower, Breaffy and Rathkip, South East of Ballina – this will resolve the water quality issues that have been experienced by locals in recent times.
- The Water Services "Find & Fix" crews are currently active in Ballina & Achill.

Dates to Note

Mayo's Initial
Decarbonising Zone

10 applications were received to become Mayo's Initial Decarbonising Zone, representing 30% of the population of Mayo. The evaluation process has been completed and the Decarbonising Zone will be announced at the **May 10th Council meeting.**



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Housing and Architectural Services

Simon Shevlin



Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708 however Mayo County Council will endeavour to exceed this figure.

Progress on 2016-2021 programme, 566 units have been completed with another 210 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS

In April 2021, 23 houses were delivered under the HAP scheme and 5 houses were delivered under the RAS scheme. This gives a total of 2,174 active households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo at the end of February 2021.

Leasing

In April 2021 under the leasing programme, 7 houses were delivered under Leasing. This give a total of 267 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo.

Homelessness

There were 7 homeless presentations in April 2021. All 7 were single individuals.

Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

To date, 88 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications have been received, 70 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Approvals issued, and 9 Stage 2 Grant Approval applications received, under the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

Architects

Tenders Analysis ongoing for 22-unit housing development, at Lios na Circe Castlebar.

MCC Housing Construction sites open and other non-essential Capital projects to open 4th May under Lockdown protocols

Heritage

Draft Ballina Biodiversity Plan presented to Ballina MD. Public consultation commenced (21st April)

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Connected Hubs Fund was issued which is aimed at expanding existing hub facilities, providing additional hot desks, office spaces and meeting rooms for remote working.

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- 22nd June: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning and Marine SPC
- 25th June: Tourism, Recreation, Food and Community Engagement SPC

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



Enterprise & Investment Unit

- The Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Businesses grant scheme was launched by the LEO/Tourism section. Applications can be made via www.mayo.ie/outdoordininggrant
- LEO Mayo hosted an interactive webinar targeted at Mayo businesses interested in considering Northern Ireland as a target market post Brexit.
- Mayo businesses Fort Wayne Metals, Foxford Woollen Mills, DeCare Dental, Skillko, NOR Designs and John Mullen of Version1 took part in two panel discussions focusing on doing business from Mayo, covering the perspectives of established businesses and start-up businesses in the county. The event took place on the 29th of April as part of the overall Mayo Day celebrations.

Community, Arts, Sports & Childcare

- The Healthy Mayo Strategy was launched on April 15th. Minister Frank Feighan & Cathaoirleach Richard Finn addressed attendees.
- The Transitional LEADER programme began on April 1st and will continue until 31st December, 2022. The current total funding allocation for Mayo is €3,016,507 for projects and administration.
- Community Groups can still apply (directly to the Department) for the CLÁR Innovation Measure. This funding is targeted at piloting new ideas which address specific challenges faced by communities in CLÁR areas, including rural isolation, population change, social disadvantage and marginalisation. The innovation measure has been widely advertised through Mayo.ie, social media and PPN. Closing date 21st May.
- Sport Ireland has announced €40m funding announcement for sport nationally with €369,000 allocated to Mayo Sports Partnership.
- From Here to There to Everywhere a film by Katie Moore was launched on Earth Day. This project was an initiative of Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with the Arts Council.
- Mayo County Childcare Committee continue to provide support, information & guidance regarding reopening of childcare services. Additional supports were provided on funding available, compliance, preparation for inspections and guidance on best practice.

Tourism

- Design and Planning work progressing at capital projects including Clew Bay and Great Western Greenways, Turlough bridge & Ballintubber Abbey
- Funding approved for Watersports Activity centres at Carramore, Louisburgh and Keel, Achill
- Great Western Greenway feature on RTEs Iarnrod Enda TV Programme
- Finalisation of draft Strategic Environmental Assessment report for Moorehall.

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Roads

Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough and N26 Cloongullane schemes

Works ongoing to R312 Glenisland Bridge scheme with new bridge now practically complete. The scheme should be fully complete by August 21.

Submission to be made to National Transport Authority in relation to Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund.

Procurement

Regional and Local Road Bridge Cleaning and Devegetation Scheme 2021. Winning bid identified. Contract to be awarded - 14 bridge structures at various locations in Mayo.

Dates to Note

Roads & Transportation SPC Meeting - 18th May, 2021

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Roads

- Roadworks re commenced after the Covid 19 shutdown on 12th April '21.
- Design work ongoing to the N60 Heathlawn scheme with the aim to go to tender in late 2021.
- Design work ongoing for N59 Newport - Derrada scheme with the aim to go to tender in late 2021.
- Construction contract procurement continues on the N17/R320 Junction project at Lisduff Claremorris with the aim to commence on site in Q3 2021.
- Works on going on the N60 Balla – Claremorris and N17 Charlestown Streets pavement schemes.
- Design works on going for 2021 pavement overlay and safety programmes.
- Strategic Assessment Report has commenced in relation to R345 Cong Outer Relief Road and should be submitted to Department of Transport in June 21.
- Consultants appointed by Department of Transport to undertake pavement analysis in relation on R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall road.

Procurement & Efficiency Review

- CASTLEBAR MD – 2021 PAVEMENT OVERLAYS & Associated Works at various locations. Tender under evaluation.
- Road Making Materials Supply and Place, Cashel, Achill - Tender under evaluation
- Ballina MD Road Strengthening at Rathbal, Lugnagran & Ardagh – Tender under evaluation
- Ballina MD. Road strengthening at Behy & Behymore Ballina – Tender under evaluation
- Swinford Region of Claremorris-Swinford MD. Road Strengthening works at various locations, Bundle B – Tender under evaluation
- Barnacarroll Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Tender under evaluation
- RFT 188663 - Civils design and surveying advertised etenders - Site survey report, site layout plan(s), planning and tender documents for the development of Phase 3 extension to Westport Industrial Estate
- RFT 188183 - Fire Station Crossmolina - Civil and Structural Consultancy Services for Crossmolina Fire Station- advertised
- RFT 187346 - Bower's Walk, Ballinrobe - Conservation repair of 1 no. wrought iron pedestrian bridge and 1 no. steel pedestrian bridge and adjoining stone walls at Bower's Walk, Ballinrobe

Finance

- Circular Fin 05/2021 – Extension of Commercial Rates Waiver to Q2-2021.



Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2021 Adopted Budget for month end March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW MARCH 2021

APPENDIX A

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Mar-21	Budget 2021	Remaining 2021	% Spent 2021	Inc. To Date Mar-21	Budget 2021	Not Rec'd 2021	% Rec'd 2021
A	Housing and Building	4,316,342	19,682,822	15,366,480	22%	4,207,315	19,831,762	15,624,447	21%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	5,409,087	47,892,469	42,483,382	11%	2,372,053	40,820,501	38,448,448	6%
C	Water Services	3,454,469	16,726,566	13,272,097	21%	4,364,695	20,253,755	15,889,060	22%
D	Development Management	4,141,365	13,859,093	9,717,728	30%	1,447,523	4,187,315	2,739,792	35%
E	Environmental Services	3,622,044	16,396,884	12,774,840	22%	1,172,405	5,744,900	4,572,485	20%
F	Recreation and Amenity	2,617,781	10,724,014	8,106,233	24%	309,498	3,386,330	3,076,832	9%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	379,581	1,954,527	1,574,946	19%	122,811	588,260	465,449	21%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,371,911	11,488,138	9,116,227	21%	1,875,143	7,213,963	5,338,820	26%
J	Central Management Charges	5,083,683	20,444,108	15,360,425	25%	375,000	1,500,000	1,125,000	25%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	8,689,473	34,784,930	26,095,457	25%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	5,214,226	20,856,905	15,642,679	25%
GRAND TOTAL		31,396,263	159,168,621	127,772,358	20%	30,150,142	159,168,621	129,018,479	19%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Mar-21	Arrears Mar-21	Collected %
Rents	3,032,867	1,825,566	1,207,301	60%
Rates	38,898,529	8,008,327	30,890,202	21%
Housing Loans	1,556,319	810,920	845,399	49%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	5
Estimated Interest Incurred	217