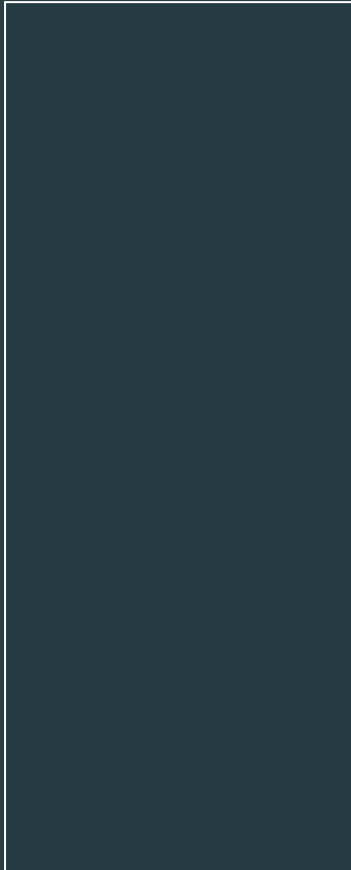
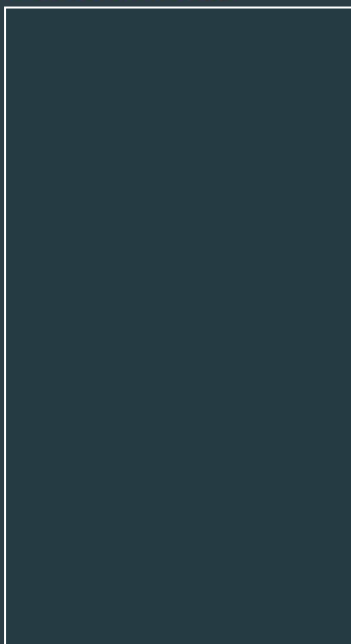


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Dates to Note



Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



Covid 19

The Council continues to progress through the Government's Road map for Reopening Society and Business. The onset of the pandemic and its effects on the local economy has provided significant financial challenges for the Council. The announcement of six month waiver scheme for certain ratepayers and the extension of the Restart Grants were welcome announcements. The council has suffered a significant loss in local income and I continue to make the case at National Level for support to bridge the gap in the Councils finances.

Funding Announcements/Allocations.

Active Travel Measures Allocations

Total of **€2,428,900** allocated for 27 projects throughout the county

Climate Change Adaptation Allocations

A total of **€801,480** allocated for 20 flood mitigation projects

Rural regeneration and Development Fund

Total of **€524,1146** for the following projects

Newport Regeneration	€355,764
Ballyhaunis Community Vision	€168,352

Piers/Harbours & the Islands

Grants totalling €341,250 for improvement works at Clare Island, Roonagh, Inishturk and Claggan.

The above allocations representing an investment totalling €4.1 million, are to be welcomed and will provide a significant boost to the local economy.

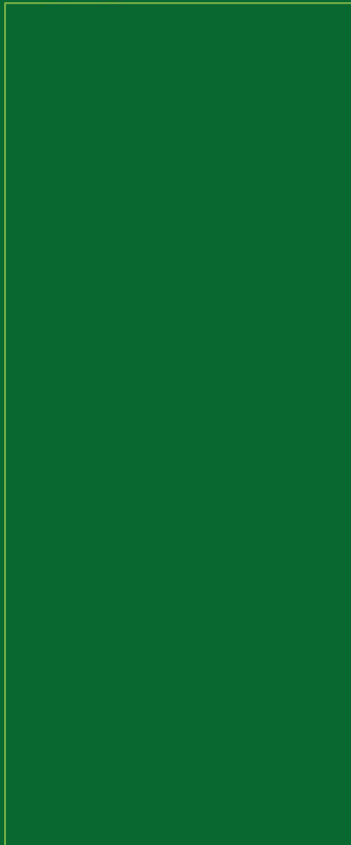
Finally, I wish to remember Ms Joan Finnerty, a member of our staff, who was laid to rest on 7th September. I extend my sympathy, and the sympathy of the staff, to her husband Martin and family at this sad time.





September

Directorate Highlights



Dates to Note

SPC for Corporate,
Education, Culture,
Heritage, Library Services
30th Sept

Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development



Catherine Mc Connell

Corporate Development and Human Resources

Freedom of Information requests: 18

Ombudsman: 23 queries dealt with. 4 cases not upheld

Health and Safety: Official certification of ISO standard for Fire service

Interviews

- Staff Officer
- Retained Firefighters – Achill, Ballina, Castlebar, Kiltimagh
- Sub Station officer – Kiltimagh (Confined)
- Traveller Liaison Accommodation

Campaigns Advertised

- Executive Architect (Open)
- General Operative (Open)

Retirements - 3 retirees

Library Service - All libraries are open for browsing, borrowing and computer use (except Ballinrobe due to building work). Contact & collect service and Local Link delivery service operational in all libraries.

IT/Digital Transformation

Migration to Windows 10 Enterprise Edition progressing

Security improvements continue to be rolled out across the organisation

Completion of the technical solution for the enhanced Restart Grants programme, *Restart Grant Plus* (RGP).

471 Calls to the Helpdesk last month.

New Consultation Portal commissioned.

European NPA project underway

National Services Catalogue -80% completed.

Corporate Communications

Public Information Updates: Covid-19 daily updates; do not consume water notice on Achill Island; Traffic Disruption; Extreme Weather events -Storm Ellen & Storm Francis.

Media: Press releases issued on Local Authority matters including targeted campaigns on Restart grant, Staycation in Mayo, Road safety campaigns, Flood preparedness plans, Judging of Pride of Place 2020.

Diaspora: Meetings held with stakeholders for Home to Mayo 2021 Festival.

Planning Statistics July 2020

August 2020

Applications Received:	112	87
Decisions to Grant:	102	64
Decisions to Refuse	9	4
Applications due (August):	126	(Sept) 138
Formal Preplanning:	14	22
Phone Consultations:	121	130
Appeals:	4	6



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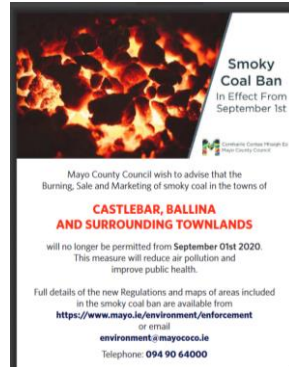
A meeting of the Environment, Climate Action, Agriculture & Emergency Services S.P.C was held on Thursday, 30th July, 2020 via Teams

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



John Condon

Awareness:



Veterinary:

A social media awareness campaign was ran in July, to highlight that being a responsible dog owner is to have your pet licenced.

The items covered were :

- Types of dog licences available, cost and where to purchase.
- The requirement to have your pet microchipped.
- From 1st February, 2020 advertisement for the sale and supply of dogs must include certain information including, the unique code of the microchip implanted in the dog/puppy.

Civil Defence - August 2020

Training

Civil Defence has undertaken to recommence essential training which was suspended due to COVID 19 restrictions during the month of August.

The following sessions/courses have been undertaken successfully by our Volunteer members:

- COVID 19 Induction Training - 22 attendees (3 sessions)
- COVID 19 Compliance Officer Training - 7 attendees (1 session)
- Cardiac First Responder - Advanced - 4 attendees (1 session)

Operations

On the 12th of August 2020 Civil Defence was activated by Mayo Co Co to assist with the delivery of bottled water to vulnerable persons on Achill Island which were affected by the 'Do not Consume Notice'. Civil Defence members maintained a daily presence on the Island and delivered water to over 600 locations these include domestic houses and essential services.

During the month as part of our response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, we have assisted members of our community in accessing hospital appointments. Civil Defence has also assisted the Irish Blood Transfusion Board with the logistics of their clinics in Ballina.

Dates to Note

Free Recycling Event for Beds, Mattresses, Couches & Armchairs – Saturday 5th September, 2020 – 9am to 3pm in Knock Village

Introduction of Smoky Coal Ban for Castlebar, Ballina & surrounding areas from September 1st

September

Directorate Highlights

- Heritage Week 15-23 August.
- Handover of 16 houses to Claremorris/ Ballinrobe MD

Housing and Architectural Services



Simon Shevlin

Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

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

Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows:

432 units have been completed with another 293 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS

In July and August 2020, the following was delivered;

42 houses delivered under the HAP scheme

- 1 house delivered under the RAS scheme

This gives a total of 2,135 households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo. (1,338 HAP; 797 RAS).

Leasing

In July and August 2020 under the leasing programme the following were delivered:

- 9 houses under STL.
- 1 house under RLS

This give a total of 228 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo.

Refugee Resettlement

190 persons accommodated in Mayo to date (174 Mayo County Council and 16 persons accommodated by the Red Cross in pledged accommodation).

Homelessness

There were 13 presentations for July and August, 55 presentations to date in 2020.

Architectural Services

- Receipt of eight construction tender submissions for the Crossmolina Fire Station.
- Ongoing development of Housing projects throughout the County in conjunction with Housing Central.
- Management of Heritage Week 15-23 August
- Oversight of all Architectural projects throughout the MDs
- Ongoing developments of large public projects, Ballina Military Barracks and Mary Robinson Centre.
- Applications for Conservation Projects submitted to relevant Department.

Dates to Note

Housing SPC and LTAC meeting 24 September



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Directorate Highlights

- Local Enterprise Office: Online training programmes, workshops, and mentoring sessions to support businesses though this challenging time took place on an ongoing basis over the two months.

Dates to Note

- Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC will meet on 17th Sept.
- Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning & Marine SPC will meet on 28th Sept.

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



Community & Integrated Development, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Ongoing work on co-ordinating applications for Town & Village Renewal, CLAR and Community Enhancement Programmes. First round of the Oweninny Community Benefit Fund has been fully assessed and funding over €200,000 has been approved for community groups.
- Mayo Sports Partnership has been providing advice and support in relation to restarts and has delivered an engaging programme over the summer including Walking with Activator Poles workshops, open water swimming programmes and a Junior Triathlon Summer Camp.
- Mayo Arts Service successfully secured significant funding from Creative Ireland nationally for dementia-inclusive gallery tours and specific work with public Community Nursing Units in Mayo.
- Childcare Committee has worked closely to provide support on reopening: planning infection control, updating layout of buildings, developing policies, procedures and undertaking risk assessments.

Enterprise & Investment Unit

- Local Enterprise Office: Online training programmes, workshops, and mentoring sessions to support businesses though this challenging time took place on an ongoing basis over the two months.
- Atlantic Economic Corridor Officer is administering the AEC Hubs Outreach Scheme which assists enterprise hubs to reopen and comply with the Covid-19 guidelines. Six enterprise hubs in the county were successful in their applications, totalling €28,000.
- Mayo County Council submitted a joint application with Claremorris and Western District Energy Co-operative for a Renewable Electricity Support Scheme to develop a Solar Farm in Lisduff, Claremorris.
- National Broadband Ireland have commenced surveying to document details of the poles, cables, and underground ducts in each area.
- 7 out of the planned 9 towns have held meetings in relation to the WiFi4EU programme (free Wifi for selected towns). The planned delivery due date for this project is February 2021.
- Mayo County Council was successful in obtaining Town & Village Renewal funding for 10 Broadband Connection Points for the sum of €39,960 to provide furniture and equipment to assist the BCPs operationally.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Work on major trail improvements to Great western Greenway at Bunnahonwna Mulranny and Bangor trail is progressing
- Greenway extensions works underway on recreational trails at Moorehall, Bowers Walk and Achill Sound.
- Promotion: RTE broadcast No Place Like Home featured staycations in Erris and North Mayo

September

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Funding Allocations received:

Active Travel
Measurement Allocations
- €2,428,900

Climate Change
Adaptation Grants -
€801,480

Contractors have been
awarded for 4 No.
Pavement Overlays
Contracts

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Roads

- Wills BAM JV progressing earthworks at various locations along scheme. Construction of some of the bridges has also commenced.
- Contract award of the N26 Re-alignment at Cloongullane Bridge anticipated in September, subject to TII approval and no challenge to the procurement process.
- N59 Kilmeena scheme is complete except for snapping.
- N60 Lagnamuck complete except for snagging and landscaping works.
- Part 8 Planning approved for N17/R320 Lisduff, Claremorris. CPO statutory period concluded on the 21st August.
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla scheme with submission to An Bord Pleanála for approval to take place in November.
- N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1 Project Appraisal Plan submitted to TII for approval.
- Works on the R312 Glenisland Scheme is ongoing. The tender for the Bridge Construction is the 2nd week of September, 2020.

Procurement & Efficiency Unit

- Tender currently being assessed for Connacht Public Lighting Service/Maintenance contract.
- The delivery of 17 new Renault trucks, crew cabs & day cabs, (3.5T & 4.5T) has commenced for all four MDs. These will replace trucks currently on long term hire.
- Delivery of new Mitsubishi Fuso 7.5T to Ballina MD
- Assistance to Architects Dept for a Competitive Dialogue procedure for Exhibition Consultancy and Fitout for the Mary Robinson Centre
- New PPE contract awarded to Portwest
- On going procurement of Plant & machinery for all MD's
- Discussion ongoing in relation to updating existing Pay & Display machines to contactless and coin. This will provide more choices for motorists

Finance

- Work on Budget 2021 progressing.
- Local Property Tax for decision at September meeting
- 6 months Commercial Rates Waiver announced

Dates to Note

Hedgecutting: -

The Hedgecutting Season commenced on the 1st September and runs until the end of February 2021.

Roads SPC Meeting –
11th September, 2020

Meeting with TII &
DTTAS (TBC)



Mayo County Council

APPENDIX A

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2020 Adopted Budget seven months ended 31st July 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW JULY 2020

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE			INCOME				
		Exp. To Date Jul-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Remaining 2020 €	% Spent 2020	Inc. To Date Jul-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Not Rec'd 2020 €	% Rec'd 2020
A	Housing and Building	9,647,255	16,787,251	7,139,996	57%	9,779,303	17,140,159	7,360,856	57%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	19,594,084	40,161,103	20,567,019	49%	14,932,841	33,766,003	18,833,162	44%
C	Water Services	8,183,065	16,646,566	8,463,501	49%	9,918,165	19,986,244	10,068,079	50%
D	Development Management	12,528,365	12,593,741	65,376	99%	7,680,633	4,010,066	-3,670,567	192%
E	Environmental Services	9,056,318	16,477,347	7,421,029	55%	2,758,909	5,642,900	2,883,991	49%
F	Recreation and Amenity	5,870,853	10,434,578	4,563,725	56%	1,226,181	3,340,580	2,114,399	37%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	867,966	1,789,219	921,253	49%	340,291	584,250	243,959	58%
H	Miscellaneous Services	10,357,021	13,200,546	2,843,525	78%	3,488,807	6,504,929	3,016,122	54%
J	Central Management Charges	12,178,772	19,970,850	7,792,078	61%	875,000	1,500,000	625,000	58%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	20,868,007	35,773,727	14,905,719	58%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	11,557,201	19,812,344	8,255,143	58%
GRAND TOTAL		88,283,699	148,061,201	59,777,502	60%	83,425,338	148,061,201	64,635,863	56%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Jul-20	Arrears Jul-20	% Collected
Rents	5,365,043	4,375,724	989,319	82%
Rates	38,380,048	16,147,723	22,232,325	42%
Housing Loans	2,843,065	1,928,676	914,389	68%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	29
Estimated interest incurred	2,336