



Mayo County Council Annual Report 2005



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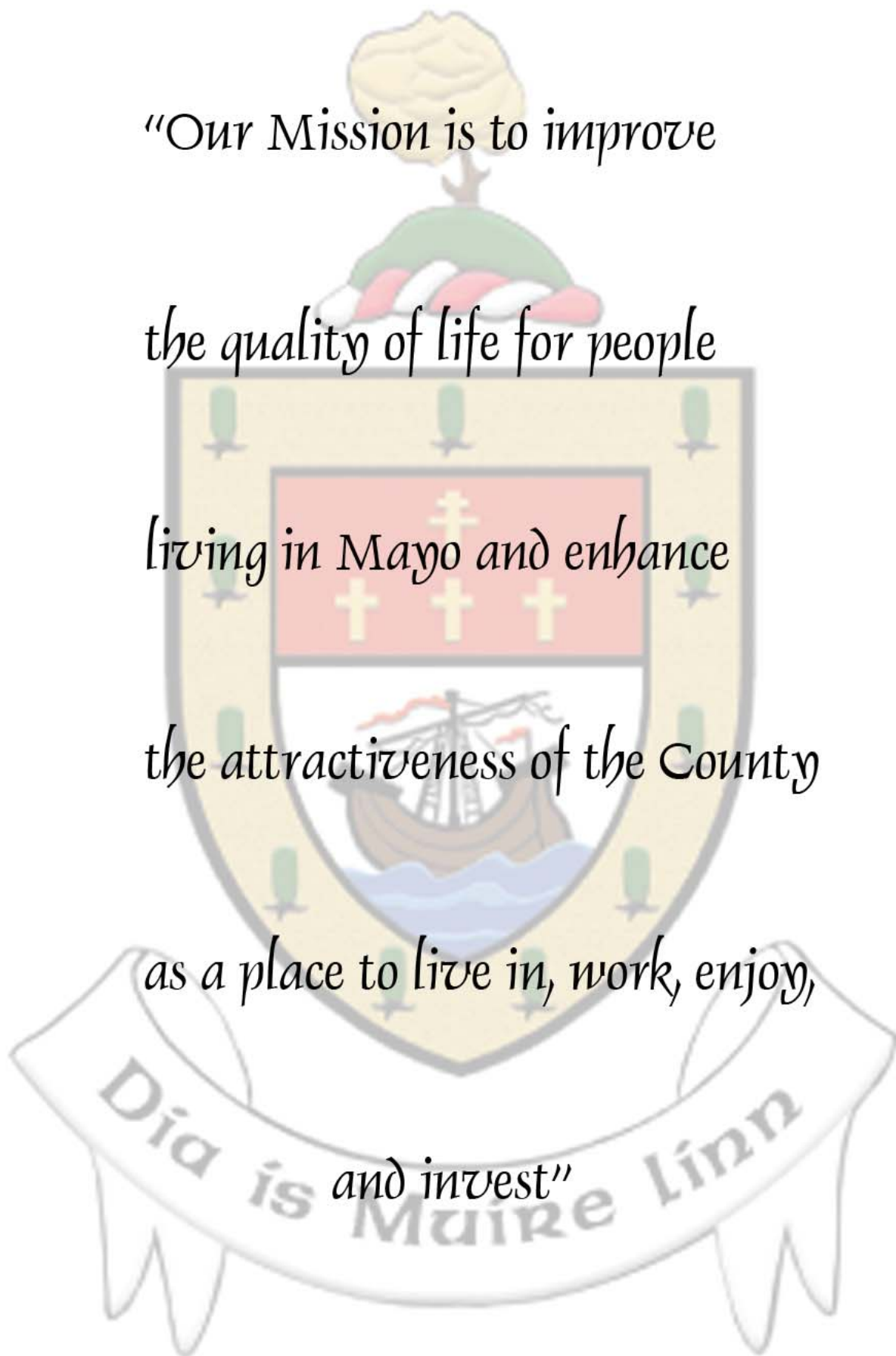
the quality of life for people

living in Mayo and enhance

the attractiveness of the County

as a place to live in, work, enjoy,

and invest”



MEMBERS OF MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

Belmullet electoral area

- 28. Cllr. Gerry Coyle
- 29. Cllr. Michael Holmes
- 30. Cllr. Michael McNamara
- 31. Cllr. Tim Quinn

Ballina electoral area

- 22. Cllr. Jarlath Munnely
- 23. Cllr. Johnie O' Malley
- 24. Cllr. Michelle Mulherin
- 25. Cllr. Annie May Reape
- 26. Cllr. Eddie Staunton
- 27. Cllr. Seamus Weir

Swinford electoral area

- 18. Cllr. Eugene Lavin
- 19. Cllr. Jimmy Maloney
- 20. Cllr. Joseph Mellet
- 21. Cllr. Gerry Murray

Castlebar electoral area

- 1. Cllr. Cynil Burke
- 2. Cllr. Sean Bourke
- 3. Cllr. Paddy Mc Guinness
- 4. Cllr. Henry Kenny (Cathaoirleach)
- 5. Cllr. Al McDonnell
- 6. Cllr. Johnny Mee

Westport electoral area

- 7. Cllr. Margaret Adams
- 8. Cllr. Frank Chambers
- 9. Cllr. Austin Francis O' Malley
- 10. Cllr. John O' Malley

Ballinrobe electoral area

- 11. Cllr. Patsy O'Brien
- 12. Cllr. Harry Walsh
- 13. Cllr. Damien Ryan

Claremorris electoral area

- 14. Cllr. Michael Carty
- 15. Cllr. John Cribbin (Leas Cathaoirleach)
- 16. Cllr. Tom Connolly
- 17. Cllr. Patrick McHugh

Management Team



Mr. Des Mahon,
County Manager



Mr. Seamus Granahan,
Director of Services,
Ballina/Swinford
**SPC: Water Supply and
Sewerage**



Mr. Peter Hynes,
Director of Services,
Westport/Belmullet
SPC: Housing



Mr. Ray Norton,
Director of Services,
Castlebar/Claremorris/
Ballinrobe
SPC: Environment





Mr. Joe Beirne,
Director of Services and
County Engineer,
**SPC: Roads and
Transportation**



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Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs
**SPC: 1. Planning and Economic
Development
2. Cultural, Education, Heritage and
Corporate Affairs**



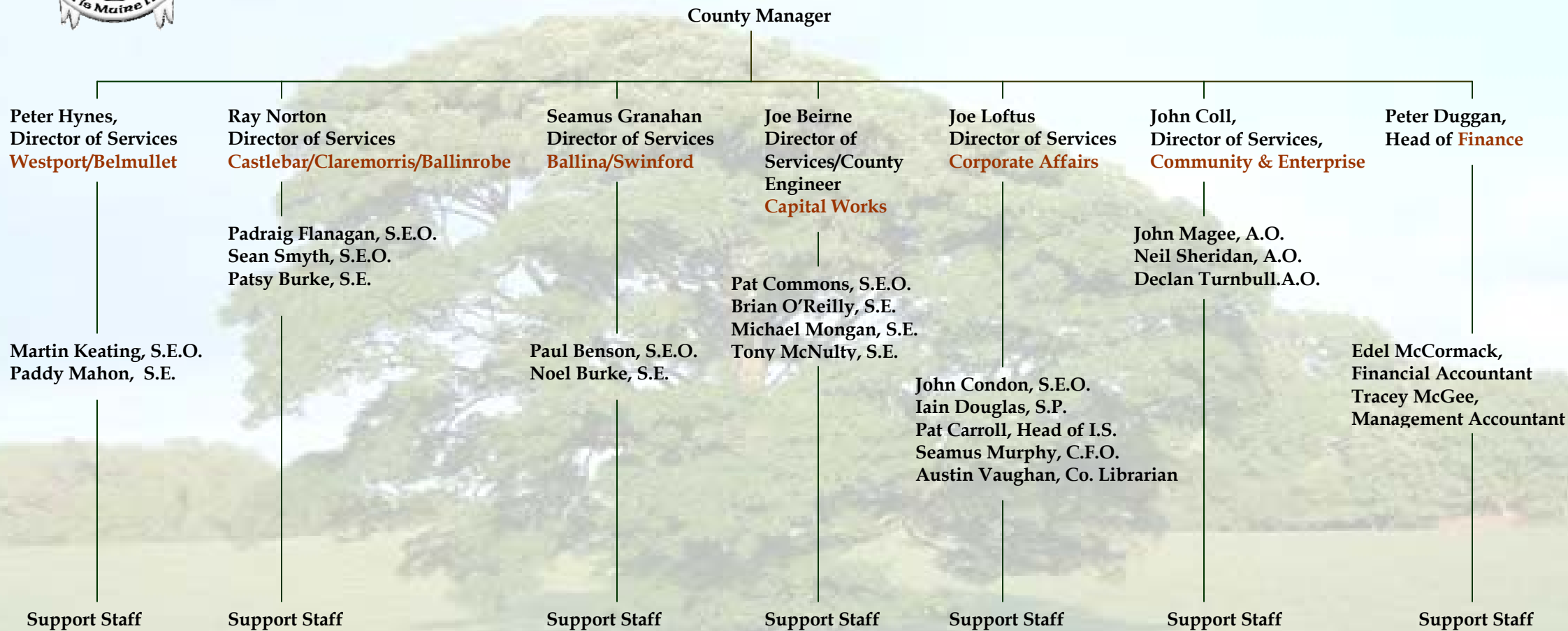
Mr. Peter Duggan,
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Mr. John Coll,
Director of Services,
Community & Enterprise



Mayo County Council Organisational Structure



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 2004. 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:

1. **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

2. **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 2005.



Mayo County Council meeting in Moygownagh Community Centre on 9th May 2005

INTRODUCTION FROM CATHAOIRLEACH AND COUNTY MANAGER



Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach



Des Mahon, County Manager

As Cathaoirleach and County Manager of Mayo County Council, we are delighted once again to present the Council's Annual Report for 2005. This report seeks to convey something of the activities and achievements of Mayo County Council during 2005.

The Management, Elected Members and staff of Mayo County Council see our mission as being committed to improving and maintaining the quality of life for all of the people in County Mayo.

Details of the annual progress report on the Council's Corporate Plan *Leading the Way Ahead* 2005 – 2009 has been included in the Budget Report for 2006.

In 2005, Mayo Local Authorities commenced the rollout of a Performance Management and Development System (PMDS). The modernisation programme for the Local Government Sector in the current National Partnership Agreement "Sustaining Progress" provides for the introduction of PMDS. PMDS balances performance with personal and team development. The successful implementation of PMDS will result in improved performance and improved development opportunities thus improving organisation, team and individual competencies as outlined in "Sustaining Progress" 2003 – 2005.

Mayo County Council appointed a full-time Road Safety Officer in 2005. At a time of increasing fatalities on our roads, Mayo County Council in conjunction with the National Safety Council operates a programme of education and awareness of road safety by promoting the need for caution and awareness of the dangers on our roads. It is hoped to achieve a significant reduction in the road accident statistics in the County.

Under the Disability Act 2005, Mayo County Council were notified of grant monies by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in the amount of €850,000 for the provision of ability related works throughout the County with a focus on accessibility to the Council's buildings, footpaths and

public roads. Works such as dropped kerbs, tactile paving, purchase and installation of computer hardware and software with compatibility for the disabled such as voice recognition, have already been put in place throughout the County. For Mayo County Council, disability is all about awareness and courage to take positive action. We must discriminate positively in favour of disability, in favour of people with disadvantage, throughout our organisation wherever they find it and maximise the benefits of that resource.

2005 saw the start of 156 Local Authority houses by Mayo County Council and the completion of 103 houses. The year also witnessed the expenditure of approximately €50 million on maintenance and improvement of the road network and further sums for the upgrading of sewerage and water systems throughout the County.

Other highlights in 2005 include the opening of Charlestown Library; the provision of new playground facilities in Ballyhaunis and Crossmolina; the renewal of the FÁS Excellence Through People Award in July 2005; Mayo County Council receiving the O₂ Ability Award in Leadership and Learning, Development and Progression; the introduction of the new National Water Conservation Programme; hosting a Civic Reception for the Rose of Tralee, Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin; to name but a few.

Finally, we would like to thank the Elected Members and the staff for their loyalty and commitment during 2005 and look forward to their continued co-operation and support.

Henry Kenny
Cathaoirleach

Des Mahon
County Manager

Councillors and Officials on board LE Eithne



Environmental Awareness

Connaught Waste Management Plan Review

In 2005, Mayo County Council joined with the local authorities of Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim, and Galway in the preparation of a Draft Replacement Waste Management Plan for the Region. Various stages of public consultation were held in the preparation of the plan including open days for the public and waste collectors.

Schools Environment Awareness Programmes

Mayo County Council continues to promote environment awareness on the issues of litter, waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy and water conservation.

Both primary and secondary school information visits were carried out by Mayo County Council's Environment Awareness Officer throughout 2005. Schools are offered compost bins free of charge. Schools are also encouraged to avail of the tours to the recycling/landfill centres.

Summer Camps were also run with primary school children on the themes of environment protection.

Several other primary school projects took place in 2005 to increase environment awareness with over 50 schools participating in environment workshops/shows organised by Mayo County Council. These included energy workshops, theatre shows, magic shows and dance and music shows all with the aim of increasing awareness to environmental issues among primary school children.

Green Schools Programme

The Green School's Programme is a European wide programme, which is co-ordinated in Ireland by An Taisce and is run in partnership with the Local Authorities. Registered schools have to achieve seven steps with the aim of reducing the amount of litter and waste in the school and creating environmental awareness in their school and community.

Once the school has successfully completed the seven steps of the Green School's Programme they are awarded the Green Flag. Schools that achieve Green School's status have to implement new themes into their school environment including the themes of energy and water.

All primary and secondary schools have being encouraged to join the Green schools programme. A further 9 schools joined the programme in 2005. At present there are 97 schools registered for the Green Schools programme in Mayo.

Twenty-five schools either received their first or subsequent flag in 2005 bringing the total number of schools with Green Flags in Mayo to 46.

All schools working on the Green School's programme have to reduce the amount of litter and waste produced by the school. With the increasing participation in the programme, the level of litter and waste from schools is decreasing.

The programme has also played a major role in increasing environmental awareness among children, staff and parents of the registered schools.

Four green schools information seminars for teachers and community representatives were held in partnership with An Taisce in November 2005.

Community Groups Programme

Information presentations have been given to community groups/organisations in 2005. These involved presentations on the Connaught Waste Management plan with an emphasis on litter awareness, shopping for the environment, reuse, recycling, the dangers of backyard burning and safe disposal of hazardous waste. Information leaflets were distributed and contacts were made for the provision of new recycling locations.

Meetings were held with members of the community groups and Tidy Towns Committees in an effort to assist them in increasing recycling/composting in their areas.

Business Waste Awareness

Mayo County Council continues to work with the Mayo branches of the Chamber of Commerce in relation to promoting better waste management. In 2005, Mayo County Council once again sponsored the Environment Category of the Mayo Chamber of Commerce Business Awards which was won in 2005 by the Connaught Creative Resource Centre in Castlebar.



Mayo Business Awards 2005

Information aimed at assisting businesses in improving their waste management practice is distributed particularly at the garage and pub, hotel and restaurant trade.

Action at Work

In 2005, the Department of the Environment launched the "Race Against Waste Action at Work Programme" for large organisations. In partnership with the Race Against Waste team and the Western Health Board, an information

seminar was held by Mayo County Council for representatives of the local Health Boards.

Composting Information Day

In partnership with The Irish Peatland Conservation Council a composting workshop was held in the Regional Training Centre, Castlebar. This was attended by 25 community representatives.



Composting Workshop

Newsletter

“Environmental News” Mayo County Council’s environmental newsletter was designed and distributed to all homes in Mayo in Summer 2005. This newsletter informs the public of recent developments in waste management in the county as well as educating the public on issues such as hazardous waste, litter, backyard burning and recycling.

Christmas Campaign



Christmas Tree Shredding

In January 2005, a Christmas card recycling campaign was ran to coincide with the Christmas tree recycling campaign. Derrinumera Recycling Centre and Rathroeen Recycling Centre were also promoted as Mayo’s Green Christmas centres over the Christmas period. This year as part of the “Race Against Waste Campaign” a competition was held among all primary schools. Schools had to submit decorations made from waste materials. Almost 40 schools took part in this competition. All decorations were displayed on the Christmas tree in Aras an Chontae.

National Spring Clean

142 community groups/schools took place in An Taisce’s National Spring Clean 2005. This equates to 9,074 individuals participating in National Spring Clean. All schools were invited to participate in the programme and all registered groups were issued with information, bags and gloves to assist them in their litter clean ups.

Mayo County Council funded a number of organizations to carry out environment projects. These are as follows:

Anti Litter Awareness Grants 2005

In 2005, funding was allocated to the following groups under the Anti-litter Awareness Grants:

- Club Vario Youth Club
- Achill Gateway Association
- Balla Secondary School
- Swinford Tidy Towns
- Kilmovee Community Development Group
- Crimlin N.S.
- Mulranny Tidy Towns Group
- Westport Tidy Towns Committee
- Eco-Literary Education

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Grants 2005

In 2005 funding was allocated to the following projects under the LA21 Environment Fund.

- Irish Peatland Conservation Council – Composting and DIY Wildlife Gardening Workshop.
- Magical Marvin – Waste and litter shows for primary schools.
- Grassroots Environment Education Network – Puppets on Waste Shows.
- Westport Family Resource Centre/Golf Course Road Community Centre – Community Garden
- Mayo Sustainability Group – Sustainability Weekend.



Puppets on Waste

Environment

Waste Management

The Review of the current Connaught Waste Management Plan which commenced in 2004 continued during 2005. Public Consultation took place with a review of progress, policies objectives and targets. This initial consultation process was concluded and a further public consultation period commenced in November 2005. This process will continue in 2006 with a view to the making and adoption of a replacement Waste Management Plan for the Connaught Region. What this means is that the Council is developing a range of waste management options designed to reduce substantially the amount of waste consigned to landfill. Mayo County Council continues to be the lead Authority for the Connaught Region in relation to waste management.

Landfills

Mayo County Council has two licensed Landfills located at Derrinumera and Rathroeen. Both landfills are licensed by the EPA and over €30m of capital works have been carried out at both landfills. Activities at the landfills are monitored on an ongoing basis resulting in both Landfills operating to a very high standard. The present charge of €150.00 per tonne (including Government Levy) remained unchanged in 2005. This charge is used as follows:-

- Operation and maintenance of the licensed landfill sites.
- Operation and maintenance of two Civic Amenity Sites.
- Operation and maintenance of 150 Bring Sites throughout County Mayo.
- Operation of the Litter Control Programme.
- Operation of Environmental Awareness Programme.
- Operation of Cleaner Community Awards Scheme.
- Loan charges on landfill and Civic Amenity Sites.



Derrinumera Landfill

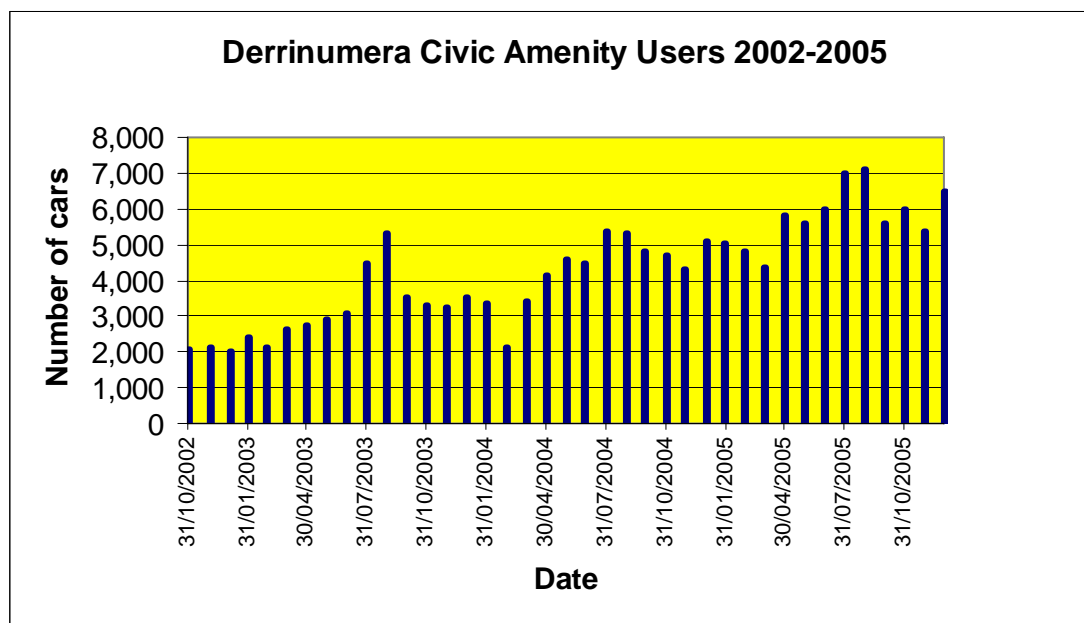
The total intake to landfills in County Mayo in 2005 is approximately 58,000 tonnes.

The facilities are licensed for 85,000 tonnes p.a.

Waste management policy is designed to significantly reduce reliance on landfill. Nevertheless landfills will continue to be required and the fact that Mayo has two licensed landfills will enhance its capacity to sustain economic development.

Civic Amenity

The Civic Amenity Centres at Derrinnumera and Rathroeen continues to offer the public the opportunity to recycle a wide range of waste types. Furthermore they are open from Monday to Saturday to accommodate members of the public.



The recycling facilities which are for household use, consist of a series of clearly labelled skips and banks where recyclable items can be deposited. Mayo County Council carries out baling of some recyclable items on site and all the items are then transported by permitted waste collectors to end markets where the actual recycling process takes place. The recycling centres also contain an area for the collection of household hazardous waste. This waste is forwarded for recycling or safe disposal.

There is a charge of €2 - €7 for the recycling of tyres. All other recyclable waste is accepted free. Landfill waste is accepted at a rate of €150 per tonne, (including Government Levy of €15). A standard refuse bag of landfill waste cost €3 in 2005.

The Recycling Centre at Derrinnumera has been a tremendous success and during 2005 a total of 1,674.3 tonnes of materials were sent for recycling. An average of 5,356 customers use the recycling centre per month. School tours of both the Recycling Centre and Landfill are provided with over 20 schools availing of the site tours in 2005. The Recycling Centre at Rathroeen has also been a tremendous success and during 2005 a total of 1,429.4 tonnes of materials were sent for recycling. Currently an average of 6,132 customers enter the recycling centre per month. The Recycling Centre and the Landfill are provided with over 13 schools availing of the site tours in 2005.

Items accepted for recycling

- ❖ Clear/Brown/Green glass bottles and jars
- ❖ Aluminium drink cans such as soft drink cans.

- ❖ Steel food cans such as dog food cans
- ❖ Clean wearable adults and children's clothes
- ❖ Clean bed linen, rugs, and curtains
- ❖ Clean wearable shoes in pairs
- ❖ Type 1 plastic bottles, also known as PET/PETE e.g. Mineral or water bottles.
- ❖ Type 2 plastic bottles, also known as HDPE/PE egg milk containers.
- ❖ Tetra Pak milk and juice cartons.
- ❖ Dry and clean paper including newsprint and magazines
- ❖ Dry and clean cardboard including cereal boxes.
- ❖ Books for reuse by Oxfam
- ❖ Music and game CD's for reuse by Oxfam
- ❖ Window, mirror and drinking glass
- ❖ Scrap metal waste.
- ❖ Solid wood waste but no MDF and no metal door handles or hinges
- ❖ Tyres but no wheel rims
- ❖ Clean bale and silage wrap but no fertilizer bags or netting.
- ❖ Gas cylinders
- ❖ All household electrical and electronic goods
- ❖ Waste cooking oil
- ❖ Waste motor oil

Household hazardous waste that can be brought for safe disposal

Mayo County Council will accept all items of household hazardous waste provided that the containers are clearly labelled and that all waste is stored in original containers. The main types of household hazardous wastes are listed below;

- ❖ Household Corrosives e.g. household cleaning agents
- ❖ Waste Pesticides e.g. weed killers
- ❖ Waste Medicines
- ❖ Waste Veterinary Medicines
- ❖ Car and household batteries
- ❖ Waste paints
- ❖ Fluorescent light tubes
- ❖ Light bulbs – energy saving and regular bulbs
- ❖ Aerosols cans.



Recycling/Bring Banks

Under the Waste Management Plan there has been a recognition that we must reduce our dependence on landfill, increase recycling rates through an extension and upgrading of the Bring-Bank Network in rural areas, and that banks must be provided in towns and all villages of population greater than 500 people. These centres cater for the recycling of clear, green

and brown glass, aluminium cans and textiles. 77 tonnes of aluminium cans were recycled in 2005 and a further 1,731 tonnes of glass.

Currently there are 89 sites throughout the county. It is anticipated that funding will be made available in 2006 by the Department of the Environment to assist Mayo County Council to offset the rising operational costs of running the bring banks and civic amenity sites.

Household Compost Bin Scheme

Mayo County Council offer householders the opportunity to purchase composters at a reduced rate of €25.00. These can be purchased at all Area Offices, both landfill sites, and at Mayo County Council Machinery Yard, Moneen. They are also offered free to all schools. For the year 2005 Mayo County Council have sold over 720 household composters and will continue this process in 2006.

Waste Collection Permitting

The Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations 2001 provided for a system of permitting by Local Authorities of commercial waste activities. Local Authorities who jointly made a Waste Management Plan were required under the Regulations to nominate one of the Authorities to carry out the permitting function in respect of the Region concerned. Mayo County Council was nominated for the Connaught Region.

118 applications for such Waste Collection Permits were received in 2005. In granting a permit, the council must be satisfied that the waste collection activity in question is in accordance with such conditions as may be attached to the permit and would not cause environmental pollution and that the grant of the permit is in accordance with the provisions of the Authorities Waste Management Plan and the Environmental Protection Agencies Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Permits are subject to review at least once in every two years. This process is ongoing. Each Waste Collection Permit holder must submit to the Local Authority an Annual Environmental Report (AER) by the 28th February.

Waste Permits

The second type of permit is a Waste Permit (site permit). A site must be permitted by the Local Authority in order for any person to dispose or recover waste at that particular site. These permits act to ensure that all operations are undertaken correctly and no environmental pollution results from the activities. The activities of the Waste Permit holders are monitored and all records are maintained to certify compliance with environmental legislation. During 2005, Mayo County Council received 71 applications for Waste Permits.

Environmental Protection

Cleaner Community Campaign

Each year as part of its Environmental Awareness Programme, the Council organises a Cleaner Community Campaign. This campaign involves Community Groups, Schools, Tidy Towns Committees etc, and is geared towards fostering a sense of pride in the environment of the local community.

An environmental competition was held with five categories as follows:-

- Local Area Environment Project
- Tidy Housing Estate
- Schools Environmental Project
- Litter Clean Up Award
- Tidy Burial Ground

2005 was the 15th year of the Cleaner Community Campaign Awards and Mayo County Council wish to congratulate all the participants in maintaining and improving the environment in their own local areas.

The Cleaner Community Campaign is an encouraging example of partnerships being forged between the Local Authority and the local communities and it is hoped that this initiative will continue to grow in 2006.

Local Area Environment Project

- (1) Partry Residents Association
- (2) Ballyglass (Scardaune) Community
- (3) Barnacogue/Killaturley Community Group, Swinford
- (4) Clogher Environmental Group Ltd

Tidy Housing Estate

- (1) The Spires, Church Rd, Ballina
- (2) Fr Angelus Park, Westport
- (3) Greenfields Estate, Pontoon Rd, Castlebar
- (4) Belleek Lodge, Ballina



The Spires, Ballina – overall winner in the Tidy Housing Estate Category of MCC's Cleaner Community Campaign 2005, pictured with Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach, and officials of MCC

Schools Environmental Project

- (1) Behymore NS, Behymore, Ballina, Co Mayo
- (2) Scoil Iosa, Abbeyquarter, Ballyhaunis
- (3) Drummin NS, Drummin, Westport, Co Mayo
- (4) St Peters NS, Snugboro, Castlebar, Co Mayo

Litter Clean Up Award

- (1) Kilkeeran Residents Association
- (2) Westport Tidy Towns Committee.
- (3) Club Vario Youth Project, Ballina.
- (4) Mulranny Tidy Towns Group.



Tidy Burial Ground

- (1) Bangor Erris Burial Ground, Ballycroy Rd, Bangor Erris
- (2) Drum Burial Ground, Clogher, Claremorris
- (3) Ballyhaunis Burial Ground, Ballyhaunis
- (4) Bofeenaun Burial Ground, Bofeenaun, Ballina

Bangor Erris - Overall winner in the Tidy Burial Ground Category of MCC's Cleaner Community Campaign 2005, pictured with Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach and officials of MCC.

Mayo County Council currently employs three litter wardens who are proactive in the enforcement of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997. For the year 2005, there were 185 litter fines issued and many illegal litter spots removed without having to always resort to legal proceedings.

Further to the issuing of litter fines, the litter wardens co-ordinate the recovery of abandoned cars.

A permitted waste contractor collects the cars and the metal is recovered for further use. There has been excellent use of this service by the public and has resulted in a decrease in the number of abandoned vehicles.

The litter control service of the Council also liases very closely with the community organisations, Tidy Towns Associations and other groups, and any assistance which can be given to these organisations is made available. The education of young people in relation to litter prevention is very important and a number of schools throughout the county have been visited by the Litter Control Wardens and Environment Section Staff.

Litter Action League

The Litter Action League was first introduced to the public 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 purpose of this initiative is to encourage Local Community Councils and tidy Towns Committees to further their involvement in the eradication of litter in towns and villages in County Mayo. The competition also helps to raise awareness of the extent and effect of litter in local communities with awards being given to the winners and runners up. This competition received great interest with 28 groups participating. It is envisaged that the number of entrants will increase next year and have a positive effect of heightening litter awareness in our towns and villages. Entrants were divided into the following categories.

- Group A Large Towns (population over 1,000)
- Group B Smaller Towns (population less than 500)
- Group C Villages

Litter Action League Results – 2005

Group A

Overall Winner	Belmullet	€2000 plus memento
Beaten Finalist	Ballyhaunis	€1000
Beaten Semi Finalists	Kiltimagh and Newport	€500 each

All of the above received an additional prize of €250 for having achieved litter free status, i.e. 80%.

Belmullet – overall winner of Group A of MCC's Litter Action League 2005 pictured with Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach, and officials of MCC



Group B

Overall Winner	Bonniconlon	€1000 plus memento
Beaten Finalist	Mulranny	€700
Beaten Semi Finalists	Cong and Ballycastle	€250 each

Bonniconlon, Mulranny and Ballycastle received an additional €200 for having achieved litter free status i.e. 80%, Belcarra who did not reach the final stages of the competition was also in receipt of this amount.



Bonniconlon - Overall winner in Group B of MCC's Litter Action League 2005, pictured with Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach, and officials of MCC

Group C1

Overall Winner	Partry	€1000 plus memento
Beaten Finalist	Ballycroy	€600
Beaten Semi Finalists	The Neale and Barncarroll	€200 each



Partry - Overall winner of Group C1 of MCC's Litter Action League and overall winner in the Local Area Environment Project of the Cleaner Community Campaign 20005, pictured with Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach and officials of MCC

All of the above received an additional prize of €200 for having achieved litter free status i.e. 80%, Islandeady, Parke and Clogher who did not reach the final stages of the competition were also in receipt of this amount.

Group C2

Overall Winner	Kilkeeran	€1000 plus memento
Beaten Finalist	Aughagower	€600
Beaten Semi Finalist	Innishbiggle Island, Murrisk	€200 each



Kilkeeran - Overall winner of Group C2 of MCC's Litter Action League and overall winner of the Litter Clean Up in the Cleaner Community Campaign 2005, pictured with Cllr. Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach and Mr. Ray Norton, Director of Services

All of the above received an additional prize of €200 for having achieved litter free status i.e. 80%, Keelogues who did not reach the final stages of the competition was also in receipt of this amount.

Water Pollution

Under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 and 1990, County Councils have a primary responsibility for ensuring the preservation, protection and improvement of water quality.

County Councils have substantial powers to enforce the Water Pollution Acts. As well as bringing offenders before the Courts, the Council are also entitled to serve Notices on polluters requiring them to cease the pollution. The council is also entitled to apply to the Courts for an Order requiring a person to cease causing pollution and to remedy the effects of the pollution.

It should be noted that any person has a right to apply to the Court for such an Order. In addition, in a serious pollution case where immediate action is required the Council has the right to apply for a High Court Order prohibiting the existing or potential pollution.

Water Quality

Statutory responsibility for water management and protection rests primarily with the Local Authority. The Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 & 1990 and regulations made thereunder including EU Regulations constitute the main national legislation in this regard. The EPA Regional Laboratory carries out the monitoring of water quality on behalf of Mayo County Council. This involves the analysis of sources of drinking water supplies, surface waters and freshwaters. In compliance with the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations 2000 (S.I 439 of 2000), the Health Service Executive will continue to sample, test and report on drinking water supplies (check monitoring). Complete Laboratory Solutions, Ros Muc, Co Galway has commenced sampling and testing of drinking water (audit monitoring) in compliance with the above. Commercial activities, which are connected to the public sewer or waterway, require a licence under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 & 1990. In 2005 Euro Environmental Services, Drogheda, Co Louth commenced the sampling and analysis of effluents from activities licenced by Mayo County Council under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977-1990.

Surface Water Quality Monitoring

Within the last 20- years Mayo County Council has established the Moy Quality Management Plan and has also carried out considerable work with the Regional Fisheries Board in the protection of the major rivers and lakes within the County. Individual disciplinary groups have been set up in respect of Lough Conn, Lough Mask and Lough Carra, Carrowmore Lake, Moy River in addition to the Owenduff/Owenmore and River Robe.

The EU Water Framework Directive

All of the work outlined above will be covered by the EU Water Framework Directive the most important piece of European water legislation ever. It is a framework setting clear objectives to ensure that “good status” will be achieved for all European waters by 2015. This legislation applies to Europe’s rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal waters and groundwaters and involves a new approach to cross border co-operation between countries and also within countries, to ensure that water management does not stop at borders. In Irelands case this means taking a view that goes across county and provincial boundaries and across the border within Northern Ireland. Consequently, Ireland is divided in eight River Basin Districts

The Water River Basin District is part of Irelands effort to implement this directive and includes part of Counties Clare, Galway, Galway City, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo.

The area extends over some 12,000 square kilometres with over two thousand lakes, numerous rivers and an extensive marine and estuarine area. The basin district has a rich heritage of rivers, lakes and seas which are not only of vast socio-economic importance to the region but also define the regions cultural heritage, its uniqueness and great natural beauty. As required by the Water Framework Directive Ireland must establish a management plan for its RBDs including the Western River Basin District.

The Directive sets guidelines and a timeframe for the development of the management plan. A characterisation report is being prepared to indicate the current state of water quality in the Western River Basin District. It will describe water bodies in the District in terms of

- ❖ Quality
- ❖ The Pressures on them
- ❖ The activities which are likely to cause problems.
- ❖ What must be done to protect them

The Characterisation Report will be followed by a timetable and work programme in 2006 for the production of a draft River Basin Management Plan. The production of this plan will involve major consultation with the public and the draft plan will be available at the end of 2008. This management plan will be implemented in 2009 with the aim of protecting and improving the water quality in the WRBD for those who depend on it for their quality of life and livelihood.

This will ensure protection of all surface ground and estuaries water of this County for the foreseeable future.

Air Pollution

The Air Pollution Act 1987 was enacted to provide a comprehensive framework for the control of most kinds of air pollution. The act is administered by County Councils. The Act places a duty on the occupier of any premises other than a private dwelling to use the best practicable means to limit or prevent an emission of air pollution from the premises. It is a criminal offence for the occupier of any premises including a private dwelling to cause or permit an emission from such a premises in such a quantity or in such a manner as to be a nuisance. The maximum penalty for offences is €12,697.38 plus €1,269.74 for every day the offence is continued and/or two years imprisonment. Enforcement lies primarily with Local Authorities.

Blue Flag Beaches

Mayo has one of Europe's most unspoilt regions in environmental terms and were the first county to receive 13 No. Blue Flag Beaches. The Blue Flag is an environmental award given to communities that make a special effort to manage their beaches in an environmentally sensitive way, they achieve a consistently high standard of cleanliness and that carry out educational and awareness raising campaigns on the marine environment.

There are four aspects of management incorporated in the Blue Flag Criteria:

- Environmental Education and Information
- Environmental Management and Facilities

- Water Quality
- Safety and Services

The Blue Flag Campaign is a source of information on clean, safe and enjoyable environments for aquatic recreation. Visitors to the Blue Flag Beaches in Mayo can expect to see an Environmental Code of Conduct and Information on Protected Sites and Species in the locality. The beaches in Mayo, which achieved Blue Flag status in 2005, were

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

Planning & Development

Applications Received 1994 - 2005

Year	No. of Planning Applications
1994	1,376
1995	1,673
1996	1,946
1997	2,331
1998	2,918
1999	3,357
2000	3,317
2001	3,004
2002	2,530
2003	3,605
2004	3,743
2005	3,529

The Planning Office registered a total of **3,529** applications during 2005.

The Planning Section has had substantial investment in computerisation over the last few years, and documentation and all relevant detail on planning files are available on Mayo County Council Website.

As part of Better Local Government, devolution of functions to Grouped Electoral Areas has continued with planning clinics being held in area offices every Wednesday morning, and through 2005 has proved successful with agents and applicants alike.

Continued support and resources help to ensure that the planning function is delivered in a timely and efficient manner.

Mayo County Council and NASC

Mayo County Council is a member of NASC which is a partnership of public institutions aiming to improve communications and develop links with the institutions and other regions of Europe, thereby maximising the benefits of these areas in the context of National and European policies and programmes. The partners involved in NASC are Mayo County Council, Galway County Council, Donegal County Council, Kerry County Council, University College Galway, Udaras na Gaeltachta and Cork County Council.

The NASC partnership was established in 1992. It brings together organisations for which the conservation of the cultural fabric of the Gaeltacht including its distinct linguistic heritage is a shared objective. The NASC partners believe that this objective is best achieved in a context of Europeanisation and in tandem with the implementation of integrated socio-economic development programmes that provide the job opportunities, facilities and services to which the regions communities aspire.

The partners have established a European Liaison Office in Brussels, which has been operational since 1993.

Key NASC Objectives

- Ensuring that the partners are informed about relevant EU matters.
- Attracting EU funding for the implementation of projects and initiatives which contribute to the sustainable development of the partners areas.
- Facilitates dialogue with the institutions of the EU.
- Contributing to the policy-making and programme making processes at regional, national and European levels.
- Working together at local levels on matters of common interest.
- Implementing joint projects in areas of mutual interest.

Forward Planning

The current Mayo County Development Plan was adopted in 2003. This will be the blueprint for development in the Mayo County Council functional area over the next 6 years. This Plan has effect in the whole of County Mayo, excluding the areas of the Town Councils of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport, which are planning authorities responsible for Development Plans in their functional area.

The Forward Planning Section throughout 2005 prepared Local Area Plans for **Westport**, which was adopted in December, 2005, and **Claremorris**, which is to be considered for adoption in 2006.

Quarries Legislation

Section 261 of the Planning & Development Regulations was enacted in 2004. This will provide Mayo County Council with a snapshot of quarry activity within the county.

The Planning Section had responsibility for the implementation of Quarries & Ancillary Guidelines throughout 2005. Mayo County Council received a total of **104** applications for registration under these guidelines and while most of the initial investigations etc. were carried out in 2005, follow up actions under the Guidelines will continue throughout 2006.

Development Contribution Scheme

The Development Contribution Scheme is made pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and outlines the financial contributions, which Mayo County Council may include as conditions of planning permission in respect of specific infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area which Mayo County Council have already provided or that it is intended will be provided by or on behalf of Mayo County Council.

Enforcement Section

The Planning Enforcement Section was set up to deal with the issue of unauthorised development and it consists of 3 technical and 2 administrative members of staff.

The new Enforcement Unit continued to be developed & expanded throughout 2005, with unauthorised development, housing estate takeover, development contributions being controlled & followed up. The total number of notices served was as follows:

Warning Letters:	69
Enforcement Notices:	26

Conservation Grants

The Planning Section administers the Conservation Grant Scheme operated by the Department of the Environment, Local Government and Heritage.

The objective of this scheme is to assist the owner or occupier of a structure, which is protected because of its architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest to undertake conservation works on such structure.

Each local authority is allocated funding in a calendar year to meet grant payments. Accordingly, grant applications are prioritised each year within available resources. Mayo County Council's allocation in 2005 under this scheme was **120,000**.

In 2005, **16** applications were received, and of that, **12** applications qualified for grant approval.



Mayo County Childcare Committee

The aim of Mayo County Childcare Committee is to develop a society in County Mayo which cherishes the individual child and parent by providing a range of quality, fun-filled, affordable childcare services suitable to the individual needs and aspirations of all parents.

Key Objectives

- To develop a co-ordinated strategy for childcare provision in Mayo.
- To increase the supply of childcare services and facilities
- To monitor the implementation of the Mayo County Childcare Committee Strategy.

Mayo County Childcare Committee (MCCC) viewed 2005 as another important year in the progression and development of childcare provision in Mayo. It was a year of consolidating and building on the success of 2004. By the end of 2005, there were 125 childcare providers in Mayo. MCCC has supported each one of these childcare providers. The term 'support' can have a wide definition and the level of support which MCCC provided to each childcare provider in the county varied greatly. The minimum level of support which MCCC provided was that each childcare provider was issued with 5 invitations to come to the 5 network meetings which were delivered in their network area during the year. Also, each provider was issued with a copy of the 4 MCCC newsletters that were produced in 2005. Finally each provider received an invitation to the launch of the MCCC research '*Careers and Our Children*' which included a training session delivered by NCNA concerning School Age Childcare.

This minimum support contrasted greatly with the intense support that MCCC delivered to groups who were in the process of applying for large scale capital funding or who had been approved and were moving to contract stage. Within these two extremes lies the average type and level of support offered by MCCC

to childcare providers in 2005. Aside from the aforementioned Network meetings and Newsletter this support can be seen in the following examples:

- the compiling and distribution of a training and events calendar which is updated at each network meeting;
- the organising and ensuring delivery of training courses (e.g. First Aid, Fetac level 5, Fitness for tots, Anti-bias awareness training);
- providing information (through circulars, web-site, adverts on radio and newspapers);
- delivering information sessions on best practise in management training, and
- providing on going day to day advice through phone, e-mail, letters, and meetings.

In 2004 there were 111 childcare services. In 2005 there were 125. This represents an increase of 14 childcare facilities. These facilities were assisted in varying degrees by the MCCC in setting up.

MCCC facilitated parents in availing of work, training and educational opportunities in a number of ways:

1. MCCC assisted new childcare groups to establish their service which increased the supply of childcare in the county.
2. MCCC supported quality measures to enhance the quality of childcare services - parents leaving their child / children could go to work in the knowledge that their children were receiving quality childcare.
3. MCCC provided support as outlined above to assist existing providers to continue to provide a quality service
4. MCCC worked with the HSE to provide parents with information on where to access childcare and to inform them on some of the issues to watch for when choosing a childcare facility.
5. MCCC produced a piece of research entitled *Careers and our Children* which examined the childcare needs of working parents. This document helped to identify the difficulties experienced by parents as they attempt to balance work and family life. This research received a lot of attention both locally and nationally. The document was reported widely in the national papers (Irish Independent, Examiner and Farmers Journal). The Oireachtas also requested a copy of the research before the 2005 budget. MCCC believes that by producing this quality research, it went some way in positively influencing policy on 'family life balances'.

Priority Action Areas

There were four main areas of work prioritised for 2005. These were to continue to provide quality support to childcare providers in the county, to launch and distribute the MCCC publication *Careers and our Children*, to provide basic management skills training to community management officers and to progress the anti-bias awareness training programme.

The priorities for 2004 were to raise the profile of the organisation through actions such as the launch of the MCCC Strategy, design a logo and promotional material. These priorities were appropriate for 2004 and MCCC's position at that time. Entering into 2005, MCCC was well established among the childcare

providers in the county. The priorities of MCCC changed from getting established as an organisation to delivering specific actions.

Structures and operations

MCCC have a staff of 1 full-time Co-ordinator, 1 full-time administrator, and 2 part-time development workers.

There were 8 MCCC meetings during 2005 including one strategy day in May, which fed into the development of the MCCC 2006 Action Plan and one review day in December which looked at how MCCC were working. Both of these days were facilitated by an outside facilitator.

There were 9 sub-committees which met between 5 and 6 times during the year. These sub-committees included the consultation, CMDG appraisal, and executive sub-committees. These sub-committee dealt with the EOCP funding applications from Community, Private and Childminder groups and also with the internal workings of the MCCC (e.g. Human Resources, Finance and Developmental issues). The remaining sub-committees dealt with the actual work and delivery of the 2005 Action Plan. These sub-committees were Quality and Training, Information and Networking, Childminding, Anti-bias, After-School, and Capacity Building.

During the MCCC 'review day' it was agreed that while the sub-committee structure had played a valuable role in the delivery of the 2005 Action Plan, the structure did need to be reviewed and 'freshened up'. It was expressed that the sub-committees needed to take more of an ownership over the actions it was responsible for. Also, that the membership of the sub-committees needed to be reviewed. This work will begin in 2006. These structures were very similar to the 2004 MCCC structures. It has been our experience that the sub-committee structure has worked very well over the past 2 years. It is envisaged that the review and change that we are presently engaged in will serve to strengthen MCCC and it's work.

Collaboration/Networking

In almost every action which MCCC engaged in during 2005, MCCC collaborated with another organisation. In terms of our fellow County Childcare Committees in the BMW region we collaborated on the development of the traditional Irish games, songs and rhymes action and continued to meet on a regular basis to feed into the ICPN structure. MCCC collaborated with our fellow CCCs in Galway and Roscommon on the delivery of a regional seminar entitled '*All Together Now*', which looked at the issue of consulting with children. This seminar was held in Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon in September 2005 with approximately 180 people attending. MCCC also collaborated with Roscommon and Galway on the development of a regional poster.

In terms of collaborating with other organisations MCCC collaborated with the following:

- High/Scope Ireland, HSE and FÁS to prepare for the delivery of High/Scope training in Mayo during 2006;
- Nurture Point to deliver 'Fitness for Tots' training;
- Mayo VEC and local communities to deliver Fetac level 5 (formally level 2) training; Sacred Heart School in Westport to prepare for the delivery of Fetac level 3 training; NVCOs and the HSE to deliver a training and events calendar;
- ICTU, childcare providers, Udarás and NVCO's to write, edit and distribute the Mayo CCC newsletter;
- Mayo County Council to develop the Mayo CCC website;
- Employers, Chamber of Commerce, childcare providers to publish and launch the Mayo CCC research 'Careers and our Children';
- HSE and childcare providers to organise and facilitate childcare networks;
- HSE to continue to develop the EEL project, to deliver committee management training and the childminding initiative actions;
- Childminding Ireland in relation to the childminding initiative;
- HSE, local childcare provider (Ann Halligan), and Western Care to deliver the anti-bias awareness raising training.

Review/Monitoring

MCCC monitor the development of the Action Plan through the following methods, reports submitted at the County Childcare Committee meetings, sub-committee level and the quarterly returns reports to Pobal. The feedback from this monitoring provides vital information for MCCC to plan for the next year. For example, the continued success of the network meetings informs the committee that we must plan to continue to support and develop this action. Adversely, the lack of progress on other actions such as the development of a third level degree course informs the committee that we must find new ways to progress this action.

In terms of the overall strategic plan, MCCC can see that we have achieved many of the targets set out in the original plan (e.g. the development of a childcare providers network structure, the development of an information strategy and the completion of research into the childcare needs of working parents). However MCCC can also recognise that perhaps some of the original targets were not met. There is learning in this for MCCC in that perhaps the role of MCCC is clearer now and that when targets are set they need to be achievable.

Quality

MCCC has engaged in a number of actions in collaboration with other organisations to enhance the quality of childcare in Mayo. These actions include:

- the continuing support to providers engaged in the Effective Early Learning (EEL) training,
- the preparatory work carried out to ensure the delivery of both High/Scope and Fetac level 5 and 6 (formally levels 2 and 3) in 2006,
- the delivery of anti-bias awareness training,
- the delivery of 'Fitness for Tots' training,

- the delivery of first aid training,
- organising information talks to childcare providers attending the network meetings (e.g. talks on fire safety, dental care for pre-schoolers).

Also MCCC have purchased a copy of the BCCN 'play file' publication and will deliver this resource to all childcare facilities during 2006.

MCCC have also worked closely with the NVCOs to encourage childcare providers to enhance the quality of their service through attending training, and /or seeking advice regarding quality issues.

Finally, MCCC consistently engage with the HSE (Early Childcare Services) to advise childcare providers on issues of quality. Their expertise, knowledge and energy is a valuable resource in keeping quality at the forefront of childcare providers agenda in Mayo.

Successes

The most significant success for MCCC was the publication of the research '*Careers and our Children*' and it's subsequent launch. This research was a quality piece of work which received a lot of recognition both locally and nationally.



MCCC staff and Committee Members pictured with Ciara Kane (author of Research Project) and Fergus Finlay who launched Research Project

The research was launched by Barnardos CEO, Mr. Fergus Finlay. Mr. Finlay's input on the day was challenging and uplifting as he recognised the achievements of MCCC and the EOCP but also identified the challenges that lay before all of us.

Other successes for MCCC were the continued development of the Childcare Providers networks, the MCCC newsletter and the increased quality of the support being offered to childcare providers. MCCC are very conscious that we need to be in a position to offer quality support to childcare providers when required and to be able to refer or work with other childcare organisations to ensure that the childcare providers receive the support required. It is our belief

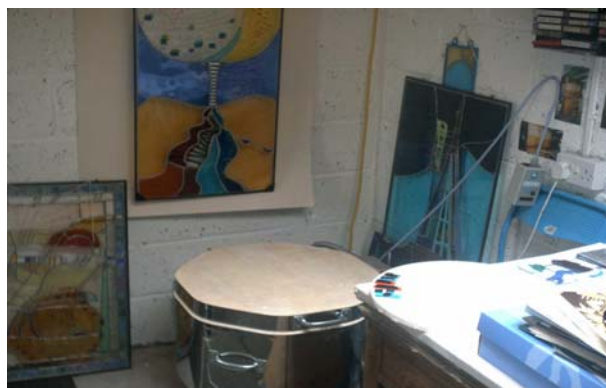
that while there is always room to improve, that childcare providers did receive a high level of support in 2005.

2005 was a very progressive and busy year for MCCC. It was really the first year which MCCC had the opportunity to concentrate on the work of the project as distinct from developing the organisation itself. The MCCC is now well established within the county and it is our hope and expectation to build on this effort during 2006.

Mayo County Enterprise Board

Structure

The Mayo County Enterprise Board Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a Statutory Agency established under the Industrial Development Act 1995. The Board is funded by National Government and by the EU under the Border, Midland and West Regional Operational Programme of the National Development Plan 2000-2006.



*Craft Project assisted by
Mayo County Enterprise Board*

The Board was established with the primary objective of:

- Providing an integrated package of assistance to small and micro enterprises within the County and of
- Promoting and developing an enterprise culture.

The composition of the County Enterprise Board represents a partnership at local level between elected representatives, state agencies, the social partners, local business and the voluntary sector.

The Board is assisted in the assessment of applications for grant aid by an Evaluation Committee, which makes recommendations on the most appropriate type and level of assistance for projects. The Committee includes persons with banking, accounting and business expertise and experience in evaluating locally based small enterprise proposals.

The Board received a total budget of €600,116 under the Operational Programme towards the delivery of its services in 2005.

Board Activity

Selective Financial Intervention

Since it was established in 1993 Mayo County Enterprise Board has approved just under €5.5 million in grant aid in favour of some 525 micro-enterprises throughout the County. To-date over €4.8 million has been paid out by the Board.



*Project Supported by Mayo County
Enterprise Board*

The provision of this support has assisted micro enterprises within the County in the creation of 1,083 full-time and 396 part-time jobs, as revealed in the annual employment survey undertaken in November 2005.

During 2005 a total of €474,865 was approved in favour of 23 projects, with a job creating potential of 62 full-time jobs.

Entrepreneurial Development and Capacity Building

Since the County Enterprise Board was established in 1993 it has provided business and management training to almost 2,000 persons in County Mayo.

In 2005, Mayo County Enterprise Board received an allocation of €200,000 towards the delivery of its Soft Support Programme. This allocation has enabled the Board complete a number of programmes initiated in the year 2004 and also undertake an extensive programme of training and support in 2005. In all 401 persons availed of the business training and advisory supports provided by Mayo County Enterprise Board during 2005.

Among the main initiatives undertaken were;

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Business Skills Training Programme	Castlebar Moygownagh	43 6
Managing Your Finances Training Programme	Castlebar Knock Ballina	54 31 12
Female Entrepreneurship	On-site	8
Human Resource Management Training	Castlebar	30
Health and Safety Training Programme	Castlebar on site	9
Operations Management	Castlebar on site	9
One-to-One Business Advice and Counselling	On-site	22
Marketing	Castlebar	22
E-Commerce Support Programme	Castlebar	38

In addition to the programmes outlined above some 117 persons participated in a series of One Day Workshops on such topics as, Pricing and Costing, Customer Care and Franchising.



Group Attending a Marketing Training Programme organised by Mayo County Enterprise Board

Student Enterprise

The Board undertook a number of initiatives during 2005 to promote enterprise education within the second level Schools in the County. These included school visits, meetings with teachers and organising the Student Enterprise Awards.

Over 30 students from four schools participated in the County final of the Student Enterprise Awards, for the right to represent County Mayo in the National finals.

Our representatives in the National Finals were Moyne College, Ballina, who incidentally won the National Award for the best display.

Students from Moyne College, Ballina, winners at the National finals of the Student Enterprise Awards pictured with Minister Michael Aherne and Mr. Ger Enright, Chairman of the Organising Committee



Community & Enterprise

Empowering Communities & Promoting and Facilitating Inclusive and Integrated Development

The Community & Enterprise Directorate of Mayo County Council provides a range of important and innovative interventions and services within the Local Government system. The new approaches to Community Development and community involvement through the Community Fora, the universally recognised Community and Voluntary structures established by Mayo County Council, complement the work of the Council in many ways.

In 2005, the areas of work covered by the Community and Enterprise Directorate included:

- Leading and facilitating the County Development Board (CDB) process on behalf of the Council and the Interdepartmental Government Task Force on Local Integration. In this regard the 10-year Integrated Strategy for Economic, Social & Cultural Development that was published in July 2002 was reviewed in 2005. This review found that progress had been made on almost 90% of the actions contained in the 2002-2005 Implementation Plan. The review highlighted a series of Board successes and raised some important issues for consideration in developing actions in the 2006-2008 Plan;
- Making submissions to Government Departments and other relevant bodies on a range of policy issues on behalf of Mayo CDB;
- Acting as a co-ordinating link between the Local Government and Local Development systems. The County Development Board was given the role of facilitating the 'cohesion' process within the county. This process involves working closely with the existing organisations to identify new structures that are consistent with the vision of the Minister for Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs;
- With funding secured under the cohesion process in 2004, the Community & Enterprise Directorate facilitated the development of the Open Space project. This is a significant and innovative project for the County, as it seeks to make provision for space for the recreational needs of young people – an issue highlighted again and again by communities all over the County. The project represents a prime example of what can be achieved through a partnership of agencies working in an integrated manner;
- The Community & Enterprise Directorate continued to play a strategic role in promoting social inclusion within the local authority and the local community;
- The Community & Enterprise Directorate continued to develop and lead the community development function within Mayo County Council. Community & Enterprise provides the necessary skills and has the capacity to develop stronger consultation and participation mechanisms in partnership with the other Directorates of the Local Authority, and has already been well utilised in this regard by the area Directorates within Mayo County Council;

- The Directorate assisted in the production of a booklet highlighting some of the key Christian Heritage sites in the West Region. The chosen sites in Mayo were Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Knock Shrine, and Rosserk Abbey. The publication is the initial phase of a project which creates best practice nationally as well as playing an important role in promoting the County and the region in this niche tourism market;
- Facilitating co-operation between Mayo County Council and the LEADER companies in relation to the Clár Village Enhancement Programme and the Village and Townland Signage initiative. The Townland Signage Initiative is administered by Community & Enterprise. Advice and information regarding the Clár Programme is provided as requested by Members of the Council and community organisations;
- A review on the Barcelona Declaration Action Plan was carried out in 2005 and a new Action Plan was prepared which further develops Mayo County Council's role and responsibilities in relation to Disability issues such as access and participation;

- Addressing the support needs of local communities by providing assistance as required to members of the County Community Forum. In addition the Directorate led the development of a series of funding websites for the County – Mayo 4 Community, Mayo 4 Business & Mayo 4 Social Enterprise. These sites contain information on all of the funding sources available to groups and individuals in County Mayo;



Funding Websites Launch

- The establishment of the Corrib Gas Project Monitoring Committee was facilitated by Community & Enterprise through a community selection and feedback process to the local community groups. Two key partnerships developed by the County Manager with GMIT @ Castlebar in relation to the Regional Innovation Centre and an accessible transport partnership project were also assisted;
- Facilitating the 7 Electoral Area Community Fora. Meetings were held every two months throughout the County. A quarterly community newsletter was also produced;
- The Community & Enterprise Directorate provides information on a regular basis to the Area Committees of Mayo County Council. The Extended Area Committees that give the Members and officials of Mayo County Council and the representatives of local area community forum an opportunity to discuss local community development issues that were established in all Electoral Areas in 2004 were further developed in 2005;

- The County Community Forum brings together representatives of each of the local area fora, and is facilitated by the Community & Enterprise Section. Members of the County Forum were supported and facilitated in representing the registered Community & Voluntary groups on a number of other structures;
- Community & Enterprise worked closely with the County Community Forum in the development of the Community Futures initiative in the County. This initiative, which is being piloted in 4 communities throughout the County involves the development of a local area plan that is the direct result of a concentrated process of consultation with the entire local community;
- The Community & Enterprise Directorate assists the members of Mayo County Council in their work with local communities by providing advice, direction and support as requested by the members;
- Collecting and analysing relevant information and data relating to Mayo and continuing to update and map information relevant to the development of the County;
- The work of the local *Comhairle na nÓg*, established in 2003 in accordance with the requirements of the National Children's Office, was continued in 2005. Representatives of Comhairle na nÓg Mhaigh Eo attended the national Dáil na nÓg;
- Work continued in 2005 on co-ordinating the Mayo Sports Partnership and the County Childcare Committee as sub-structures of Mayo County Development Board. The County Childcare Committee is funded by the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform through ADM Ltd, whilst the Sports Partnership is funded by the Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism through the Irish Sports Council. The Mayo County Childcare Committee's remit is to support a co-ordinated partnership approach to the planning and development of childcare services within the county. Specifically the Committee work with existing agencies to establish childcare provider networks, engage childcare providers in training and support childcare providers to access funding under the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme (EOCP). Since 2000, the childcare sector in Mayo have been approved for support to the value of approx €15m through the EOCP;
- The Mayo Sports Partnership continued to develop in 2005 and a number of initiatives were developed by the Sports Co-ordinator. A Strategy and Implementation Plan for the Partnership were drafted and the Buntus programme was rolled out. A series of courses on various topics were also provided throughout 2005;
- The Community & Enterprise Directorate continued to provide inputs on the County Development Board Strategy and other policy issues to the Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) and other fora as requested;
- Community & Enterprise promotes and advises on applications for EU funding, including current projects under the Social Inclusion Programme and the Culture 2000 Programme;

- In 2005, the Community & Enterprise Directorate continued to lead the Ballyhaunis Abbey Partnership project in tandem with the Area Directorate on behalf of Mayo County Council;
- Community & Enterprise continued to play a key role in stimulating and promoting the image of County Mayo. The Directorate facilitated a Mayo exhibition stand at the 2005 Europeade festival in Quimper, France, in conjunction with Ireland West Tourism



Europeade DVD Launch

Mayo Sports Partnership

One of sixteen Sports Partnerships in the country, Mayo Sports Partnership is funded directly by the Irish Sports Council and is a sub-office of the Mayo County Development Board at local level.

The aim of the Mayo Sports Partnership is to increase participation in all sports and to ensure local resources and facilities are used to the best effect. The partnership board has representatives from interested agencies and sporting groups. These include Mayo V.E.C., Mayo County Council, Mayo County Development Board, Western Health Board, FÁS, Western Care, G.M.I.T., Mayo Education Centre, Mayo Community Forum, Udaras na Gaeltachta and representatives from the County Sports Forum.

The Sports Partnership has three main functions

1. **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.
2. **Education:** To provide quality opportunities for education and training at local level. Provide training courses targeting volunteers and providing access to sports specific courses through the national governing bodies of sport.
3. **Implementation:** To develop a strategic plan for sport in Mayo and select participation programmes to suit local needs.

Strategic Plan

Since the Partnership's inception in November 2004 a lot of effort has gone into the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the County. At this stage a draft plan has been submitted to the to the Irish Sports Council. An extensive consultation process has taken place with close to 50 meetings held with Sports Organisations, Clubs, Public Consultations, Teachers, Community Groups, Active Retirement Groups and Youth Groups. Some of the Partnerships programmes are described below:

Buntús Programme

222 Teachers from a total of 45 Primary Schools have now been trained in the Buntús Plan and Multi-Sport Programme. These programmes will support Primary School and Special Needs Teachers in introducing young people to sport based on the principles of fun, inclusion and participation for all. There are 3 elements to the Programme –

1. *Training* – all teachers must attend a four-hour workshop.

2. *Equipment* – based on the school attending the training, 2 bags of equipment worth €800 will be supplied to the school.
3. *Resource Cards* – each bag contains a set of colourful cards which illustrates the various activities.

Code of Ethics and Good Practice in Sport

A total of 127 Volunteers participated in 7 workshops held throughout the county in 2005. The purpose of the workshops is to raise awareness levels in community and voluntary groups for the need for a code of conduct and best practice in their club. The workshop discusses recruitment procedures for volunteers and codes of conduct for players, parents, coaches as well as reporting procedures for a complaint.

Special Participation Grant Scheme 2005



A total of 11 projects aimed at increasing participation have received a total of €17,000 in assistance for their initiatives by the Mayo Sports Partnership. Ranging from start up clubs such as Castlebar Kayak Club, Mayo I.C.A.'s Pitch & Putt Training Programme to community based initiatives such as Club Varios participation projects in Greenhills Estate in Ballina; these targeted initiatives will provide increased opportunities for those who may not be attracted to mainstream sports such as G.A.A. & Soccer.

National Disability Strategy

Mayo Sports Partnership received funding from Mayo County Council towards a number of participation projects for people with a disability. These projects came from organisations such as Enable Ireland, Irish Wheelchair Association, Special Olympics and Mayo Mental Health/Westport Family Resource Centre. A Project that Mayo Sports Partnership was involved in was the Mind Matters Seminar in Westport on the 8th October in the Wyatt Hotel. The theme of the day was promoting positive mental health through Arts and Physical Activity Workshops. Over 200 people attended the event which was very successful.

Workshops

The Sports Partnership has held a number of workshops and courses in areas such as funding, Sports First Aid, summer courses for primary school teachers, training techniques i.e. S.A.Q. and walking leader training. It is hoped to expand on these courses in Spring 2006.



Castlebar Regional Training Centre



Castlebar Regional Training Centre continues to deliver quality training and development to its constituent local authorities of: Mayo, Galway, Leitrim, Longford and Roscommon. The Centre also continues to deliver on its primary aim, which is the training of personnel in the Group Water Scheme Sector in each of these counties.

During the period January – December 2005, the Training Centre has delivered the following training programmes:

- Disability Awareness Programmes**
- Chainsaw Operations**
- Manual Handling for Outdoor Staff**
- Project Management Programme**
- Safety for Sanitary Services Personnel**
- Time Management**
- Masonry Repair Workshop**
- Advanced Road Strengthening**
- Location of Underground Services**
- Defibrillation Refresher Training**
- Moving into Management**
- Interview Skills Programme**
- Abrasive Wheels Programme**
- Sludge Handling Course**
- O/M of the Small Sewage Plants**
- Customer Care Programme**
- Advanced Writing Programme**
- Safe Pass Programmes**
- Expert Witness**
- Safe Handling of Chlorine Gas**
- Decision Driving Course**
- Minute Taking Programme**
- Ride-on-Roller Training**
- Site Dumper Training**
- 'Six-Thinking Hats' Workshop**
- 360 Excavator Training**
- Grievance and Discipline Training**
- Pesticide Awareness**
- 8-Day Sanitary Programme**
- Communications Skills Course**
- Development Programme for Admin Staff**
- Outdoor Services Supervisory Course**
- Occupational First Aid Courses**
- Manual Handling Training for Admin Staff**
- Health & Safety at Roadworks**

Stress Management
Filtration (Operation & Maintenance)
Risk Assessment for Cryptosporidium
Electricity/Energy/Motors Efficiency
Presentation Skills
Signing, Lighting & Guarding at Roadworks
Frontline Management for G.S.S
Leak Detection & Location for G.W.S. Courses
Taste and Odour Issues in Water Treatment Plants
Supervisory Development for A.S.O., S.O., & S.S.O's
Advanced Skills in Investigations & Enforcement
Management Development Programme for Engineers
Training in Environmentally Channel Maintenance

In summary the Centre has delivered approximately **138** training courses in 2005. This has resulted in **1,722 attendees** and **2,474.5 training days**.

In addition to the usual methods of training Castlebar Regional Training Centre organises high profile events on a yearly basis. In 2005 a two-day Planning Seminar was delivered by Dr. Yvonne Scannell, Barrister at Law, Author and renowned Lecturer. The seminar was held on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December 2005. A total of 37 delegates attended this seminar, which was promoted to Local Authorities on a national level.

Further Education

Castlebar Regional Training Centre in association with the Institute of Public Administration is also continuing its delivers of the Bachelor and Master of Arts Programmes in the areas of Public and Local Government Management, as well as similar programmes in the area of Healthcare Management. Tutorials are delivered on a weekly basis for the B.A. students while M.A. students can complete their weekend tutorials and sit their exams in the Centre, making it easier for our staff than the alternative of travelling to Dublin.

Non-National Roads

The 2002 Non-National Roads Grants, which were announced on the 18th January 2002, provided funding for the first time for Non-National Roads Training. In this regard, Castlebar Regional Training Centre was awarded €1.5 million for an expansion programme to provide a Non-National Roads Training Facility at the Centre.

Tenders were sought via public tendering procedures from competent building contractors for the project. P.J. Hegarty & Sons Construction were appointed in May 2003 as the successful contractor.

The new expansion was officially opened on Wednesday 16th February 2005, by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche. The new extension will enhance the

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courses already provided, and will allow new courses to be delivered with the extra space now available.



The new training facility includes:

- ❖ Lecture Room
- ❖ 3 no. offices
- ❖ Meeting room
- ❖ Library/Store
- ❖ Canteen



Architects

The Architects Section of Mayo County Council is primarily involved in the preparation, design and construction of Capital Projects involving the provision of Local Authority Housing, Office, Fire station and Library Accommodation throughout the county.

Other areas of involvement are:

- The Urban & Village Enhancement Programme
- Provision of Playgrounds
- Restoration & Conservation Of Protected Structures Grants
- Implementation of the Disability Strategy
- Facilitation of public art
- The Town Renewal Programme

Capital Projects

Courts Service Office Refurbishment



Newly refurbished offices, The Mall, Castlebar.

This project carried out by Mayo County Council on behalf of The Courts Service and works were completed in 2005.

Belmullet Civic Centre



Works in progress on the new Belmullet Civic Centre.

May of 2005 saw construction commence on a new integrated civic service centre in Belmullet. This new facility will provide a one-stop shop for a number of agencies including

- Mayo County Council,
- Udaras,
- The Courts Service and also
- incorporates a new Arts Centre for the town.

Works on this multi-million project are well under way and are due for completion in the autumn of 2006.

Urban and Village Improvements



*Lucan Street, Castlebar,
Refurbishment works carried
out under the 'Urban & Village
Renewal Scheme'2005'*

Included in the Urban & Village Enhancement Programme 2005, was the refurbishment of **Lucan Street**, in Castlebar.

Other works undertaken included the extension of the decorative lighting scheme in **Crossmolina**, and the completion of the lighting scheme & pathway refurbishment in **Kilmaine**.

Footpath improvements and decorative lighting was also carried out in **Bangor Erris**.

Playgrounds



New Playground facility at Mullinmore North, Crossmolina

A recent initiative undertaken by Mayo County Council saw the provision of new Playground Facilities in the main urban centres.

Following on from the success of the playgrounds provided in Westport and Castlebar, similar playground facilities were developed in **Ballyhaunis** and **Crossmolina** in 2005, with proposals drawn up for a new playground in Claremorris in early 2006.

Public Art

The Architects Section in conjunction with the Arts Department facilitates through the Percent for Art Scheme, associated with the Capital Works programme, the funding for the provision of public art throughout the county.

*The 'Helicopter', at
Ard Na Ri (Ardnaree)
Housing Scheme in
Ballina*



The following commissions were undertaken in 2005 – **'The Helicopter'**, located in Ardnaree, Ballina and the **'Bell Peal'**, located in Knock both by Artist Rory Breslin. Artist Declan Breen also provided a fun piece titled **'The Parade'** in Cois Abhainn, Castlebar.

'The Parade', at Cois Abhainn Housing Scheme at Knockthomas, Castlebar



Housing Programme 2005



The Ardnaree Housing development in Ballina

An important function of the Architects Section is in facilitating the provision of Local Authority housing throughout the county. This involves considered involvement with local communities, the purchase and sourcing of suitable development sites, the design, costing, and tendering of appropriate housing projects and the supervision and management of the project on-site to completion and handover to the tenant.

Housing Schemes completed in 2005 included 71 houses at **Ardnaree**, in Ballina, 7 units in **Rosspport**, 10 units in both **Kilmaine** and **Aughagower**, 19 units in Ballyhaunis, and a 15 house development in **Bunnacurry** in Achill.



Housing scheme at Aughagower



Housing at Kilmaine

Housing at Ballyhaunis



The housing programme for 2005 included the start-up of 150 units around the county:

Such new developments included - **Ballinrobe** (19 Units), **Altamont St, Westport** (10), **Barrack Yard, Westport** (4), **Binghamstown** (10), **Irishtown** (16), **Crossmolina** (6), **Cushlough** (7), **Kiltimagh** (4), **Chapel Street, Louisburgh** (3),

Town Renewal Scheme

In 1999, the Minister for State, at the Department of the Environment, issued guidelines for the implementation of the Town Renewal Scheme encompassing a broad range of considerations and requirements for Local Authorities in the preparation of appropriate Town Plans. The selected towns in Mayo were Ballinrobe, **Belmullet**, **Charlestown**, **Claremorris**, **Foxford** and **Newport**.



Development At Barrack Street, Belmullet – Before & After

The central aim of the scheme was to bring about the restoration, consolidation and improvement of the built fabric of Irish towns, promote sensitive in-fill development and revitalise the town cores. Mayo County Council has taken a pro-active role in relation to the marketing and promotion of the scheme, which was administered through the Planning & Architects Departments.



Development At 'The Square' Claremorris – Before & After

As off the end of 2005, there were a total of 60 completed or proposed projects, involving over 50,000 m² of development, with an investment value of over € 50 million providing 320 additional new residential units.



Development At Charlestown – Before & After

Under the scheme each town experienced

- Renewed Growth
- Increased Investment

- Improved Streetscapes
- Reduced Vacant Sites
- Redevelopment Of Key Town Centre Sites, and
- Overall Improved Economic Vitality



Ballycroy - "Pride of Place" Winners 2005

Housing

General

2005 has been the third full year of Electoral Area based service delivery in Mayo. Housing services, across a broad range of activities, have been delivered by our seven Electoral Area offices and by the three Town Councils. These services have been delivered in close consultation with the Electoral Area Committees and the level of satisfaction with housing services at local level is generally high.



New 4-bedroomed isolated rural house

The development of policy through the Housing Strategic Policy Committee has continued through the year and a number of initiatives have come through from discussion to be adopted by the Council and delivered on the ground. There are further significant policy developments planned for the year ahead. The Housing Construction Programme forms part of the Housing Action Plan 2004 – 2008. This ambitious programme poses considerable challenges, but the level of activity throughout 2005 will see us meet our key targets under the programme.

The Traveller Accommodation Plan 2004 – 2008 was adopted in March 2005. Much progress has been made in the delivery of Traveller accommodation during the course of the year, but it remains a key area for further work in the future.

The Planned Maintenance Programme is continuing, and agreement has been reached with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for delivery of a comprehensive Planned Maintenance Programme dealing with the entire housing stock of the county over the coming two to three years.



*New 2 house development at
Lisnaniska, Bohola*

Construction Programme

The Annual Construction Programme continues to be delivered as part of the Housing Action Plan 2004 – 2005. The Multi-Annual Plan approved by the Department has seen a continuation of a high level of activity throughout the county in response to a set of challenging targets included in the Plan. The outturns for 2005 were:

- Units started, including schemes, rural houses, improvement works in lieu, extensions and acquisitions - **156 units**
- Units completed, including schemes, rural houses, improvement works in lieu and extensions - **103 units**

These outturns reflect a high degree of activity and represent a satisfactory outcome for the year just past. The starts target for the county at large, including the Town Councils and including schemes, rural houses, extensions, acquisitions, improvement works in lieu for 2006 is **160 units**.

The details of starts and completions are contained in the Tables below:

Programme Starts 2005

	Scheme	Rural	Extension	SHIL	Acquisition	Total	
Ballina Town Council	Fenian Row	3	-	-	1	-	10
	Convent Hill	6					
Ballina Electoral Area	Crossmolina	5	5	-	-	2	20
Swinford Electoral Area	Kiltimagh	4	2	-	1	-	7
	Foxford Phs I	8					
		26	7		2	2	37

Castlebar Town Council	Knockthomas	9	-	-	-	3	12
Castlebar Electoral Area	-		4	1	-	-	5
Ballinrobe Electoral Area	Abbey St.	19	-	2	-	1	22
Claremorris Electoral Area	Tooraree II	6	-	1	-	10	17
		34	4	4	-	14	56

Westport Town Council	Altamount St	10	-	-	-	-	14
	Mill Street	4					
Westport Electoral Area	Louisburgh	3	2	-	1	3	16
	Cushlough	7					
Belmullet Electoral Area	Rosspport	7	10	2	2	2	33
	Binghamstown	10					
		41	12	2	3	5	63
Totals		101	23	6	5	21	156

Programme Completions 2005

	Scheme		Rural	Extension	SHIL	Acquisition	Total
Ballina Town Council	Fenian Row	4					4
Ballina Electoral Area	Moygownagh	4	2	1			7
Swinford Electoral Area	Charlestown	6					
	Charlestown	4					
	Prk Bohola	3	2	2			17
		21	4	3			28
Castlebar Town Council	Lucan Street	4					4
Castlebar Electoral Area	Turlough	2					2
Ballinrobe Electoral Area	Lgh Mask Rd	2					
	Kilmaine	10	1				13
Claremorris Electoral Area	St.Gerards Crt.	19					19
		37	1				38
Westport Town Council							
Westport Electoral Area	Aughagower	10	2	2			14
Belmullet Electoral Area	Bunnacurry	15					
	Bangor Erris	6	2				23
		31	4	2			37
Total		89	9	5			103



Moygownagh Housing Scheme

Other Services



The Housing Service across the County includes dealing with Tenant Purchase Schemes, Affordable Housing, Housing Loans, Shared Ownership, Essential Repairs Grants and Disabled Persons Grants applications among others. The general level of activity across these service areas is indicated in the Table below:

Affordable Housing Scheme in Aughagower

	WEST REGION		NORTH EAST REGION		SOUTH WEST REGION			Total
	Westport	Belmullet	Ballina	Swinford	Claremorris	Ballinrobe	Castlebar	
Affordable Applications Received	39	0	22	0	7	7	17	92
Affordable Houses Allocated	14	0	12	4	34	7	4	75
Housing Loan Applications	3	10	9	19	2	1	16	60
Housing Loan Approvals	4	6	8	7	1	0	1	27
Shared Ownership Applications	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Shared Ownership Approvals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reconstruction Loan Applications Approvals	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Special House Improvement Loans Approvals	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tenant Purchase Scheme Applications	14	22	11	30	23	7	11	118
Tenant Purchase Schemes Sales	9	7	8	8	4	3	7	46

Projects at Sketch Design/Part VIII

6 at Tonragee, Achill
 8 at Doohoma, Ballina
 8 at Kilmeena, Westport
 6 at Bangor Erris
 6 at Lough Mask Road, Ballinrobe
 10 at Ballyhaunis Road, Claremorris
 5 at Mayo Abbey
 2 at the Fairgreen, Balla
 4 at Tourmakeady
 4 at Glenisland
 10 at Killala Road, Ballina
 8 at Knockmore
 6 at Bonniconlon
 10 at Kilkelly
 8 at Foxford
 8 at Kilmovee/Urlaur
 6 at Midfield, Swinford



Knockroe New Scheme

Voluntary Housing

<u>Completions:</u>	Kiltimagh.....	2
	Ballyhaunis Social Housing	1
<u>In Progress:</u>	Mulranny.....	5
	Newport	13
	Kiltimagh Phase 6	4
	Belcarra	2
	Claremorris	15
<u>Pre-Tender:</u>	Tooreen, Ballyhaunis	7
	St. Vincent de Paul, Castle Street, Castlebar.....	19
	St. Vincent de Paul, Ballinrobe	7
	Irishtown.....	10
	Cluid, Westport.....	4
	Ballycastle Community Housing Group.....	21
	St. Vincent de Paul, Swinford.....	4
	Cheshire Ireland, Bohola.....	5
<u>At Planning Stage:</u>	Irish Wheelchair Association, Belmullet.....	15
	Mayo Abbey.....	12
	Claremorris I.R.D.	32

Homelessness

26 homeless cases were dealt with during the year:

- 22 – Castlebar Electoral Area
- 1 – Claremorris Electoral Area
- 2 – Swinford Electoral Area
- 1 – Westport Electoral Area

Tenant Handbook

During the course of 2005 a comprehensive Tenant Handbook was produced for Mayo County Council and the three Town Councils of Ballina, Castlebar and Westport. This Handbook, financed under a special grant as part of management initiative on the part of the Department has been circulated to all existing tenants and will be used as a base document for all future pre-tenancy training sessions. It deals with areas including resident participation, housing maintenance, emergency response, rent, anti-social behaviour, and tenancy conditions. An extremely valuable document which pulls together many of the current policies, both formal and informal, and adopted practices in each of the housing authority areas and presents them in a user-friendly question and answer format. The Tenant Handbook will be reviewed and updated as required in the years ahead.

Housing Action Plan 2004 – 2008

The Housing Action Plan 2004 – 2008 was approved by the Department during the course of 2005. This Plan, which includes an overview of the strategic provision of housing across the Social, Voluntary and Affordable sectors, will become the template against which the performance of all of the various bodies involved in housing provision in the County will be measured. The Department have indicated that they should be in a position to finance the targets involved with a view to making a substantial reduction in the waiting list in County Mayo over the course of the Programme.

Traveller Accommodation

Plan 2004 - 2008

The Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 places a statutory obligation on Mayo County Council to provide and adopt an Accommodation Programme, subject to periodic review, for the provision of Traveller accommodation in the County. The Plan to cover the period 2004 – 2008 was developed in consultation with the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. It was adopted by Mayo County Council at its meeting on the 11th April 2005.

The Plan sets targets for each Electoral Area over the four years of the programme. The overall target of new units of accommodation to be provided in 2005 was twenty-nine. A total of twenty-one new house units were provided

mainly by way of allocation from the regular Housing Capital Programme together with a number of casual vacancies. Of these, four units were allocated to Traveller families who were already Council tenants, to improve their standard of accommodation.

The Plan includes provision for an annual review of the number of Traveller families requiring accommodation and for a review of the projections used in formulating the four-year Plan. This review is currently underway. It will be discussed with the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and brought forward to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee before coming before the full County Council for adoption as a target for 2006. The balance of units provided will be adjusted to take account of the deficit in year one of the Plan.

While considerable progress has been made in providing accommodation for the Traveller community, this area still presents a significant challenge to Mayo County Council. The Council will seek to work with all of the many agencies involved in this area, including the Health Service Executive, the Department of Education and the various support groups set up to help improve the lot of the Traveller community. This work is being undertaken with the support of the Community and Enterprise section. Mayo County Council are engaged in recruiting two additional Traveller Accommodation/Liaison Officers to work directly with the Traveller community and the Housing staff on the ground, to aid in the provision of appropriate accommodation and to provide ongoing support and management services. These extra personnel should help to improve the accommodation situation in the year ahead.

<i>Electoral Area</i>	Total	Annual Target
Ballina	27	6-7
Ballinrobe	16	4
Belmullet	0	
Castlebar	35	8-9
Claremorris	22	5-6
Swinford	14	3-4
Westport	4	1
TOTAL:	118	29 - 30

Assessment of Needs

As part of the Department's strategic review of the Housing Programme a comprehensive assessment of needs nationwide was carried out by each local authority in the first quarter of 2005. This work involved Mayo County Council in compiling a very detailed data set on all applicants for housing in the county

which has been transferred to the Department of the Environment for co-ordination and cross checking. The Department will use this review to eliminate duplication and to accurately assess the priority and need of all housing applicants nationwide. It is anticipated that this National Needs Assessment will be published early in 2006. The figures produced by the Mayo assessment are summarised in the table below. These figures will be used to target the work of the Housing Programme over the next three years.

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2002/2005

INITIAL APPLICATIONS AS OF 31ST MARCH, 2005

Housing Authority	2002 Assessment		2005 Assessment	
Mayo County Council	750	51%	848	58%
Ballina Town Council	195	13.5%	252	17%
Castlebar Town Council	383	26%	203	14%
Westport Town Council	137	9.5%	153	11%
	1465		1456	

Essential Repairs Grant/Disabled Persons Grant

A new scheme for prioritisation of ERG and DPGs was developed through the Housing SPC and adopted by Mayo County Council during the course of 2003. This scheme which involved prioritisation on the basis of need and introduction of a time limit meant that more focused use could be made of resources and financial assistance could be directed where it was most urgently needed. The financial ceiling which limits the amount of recoupment which the County Council can claim from the Department of the Environment in 2005 was set at €1.60m. The overall effect of the new scheme is that all current applications up to the end of 2005 will be dealt with for both ERGs and DPGs in the current year. All applications currently in hand are either approved or in the course of being approved and an additional Occupational Therapist has been commissioned to ensure that there is no time lag in the approval process.

As was agreed when the scheme was being set up and following eighteen months of experience in its implementation, a review process was put in place. The review was discussed by the Housing SPC and the recommendations put forward by the SPC were adopted by Mayo County Council at its meeting in October 2005. The modifications include some significant changes including the ceiling costs for various aspects of work, the inclusion of new categories of work in the scheme, and the inclusion of a provision for specialist medical equipment. These modifications are designed to make the scheme more responsive to the needs which we have experienced on the ground and it is intended that the scheme will be applied to all new applications from January 1st 2006.

Refurbishment Programme

Approval in principle has been granted by the Department for a county wide comprehensive Refurbishment Programme which will bring all of our existing housing stock up to an agreed minimum standard over the course of the next two to three years. Work is continuing on a total of 432 units in the Belmullet/Swinford/Castlebar/Claremorris and Ballinrobe Electoral Areas. The expected expenditure on the 432 units will be €4.10m, with €2.50m provided for by way of loan to be repaid from internal receipts and a balance of €1.60m to be funded by way of capital grant from the Department.

It is expected that approval to sign contracts for works on the remaining rural houses in the Belmullet Electoral Area will be granted early in 2006, following which the outstanding rural houses and schemes will be approved by the Department on a phased basis. The scheme which has provided for replacement of defective windows and doors, roofs and chimney flashings, replacement of defective rainwater gutters and fascias, site boundary walls, fencing and painting, replacement of defective septic tanks where required, electrical and plumbing repairs as required, has now been extended to include external painting and the provision of central heating in all cases. The Council will be working with the Department over the course of 2006 to ensure that the programme is delivered as quickly as possible. The total investment required for the programme will be of the order of €10.50m and it is anticipated that it will take approximately three years to complete.

Road Transportation & Safety

Introduction



Improvement of the N59, Knockmoyleen, Ballycroy

The overall objective of Mayo County Council in terms of Road Transportation & Safety is to develop a public road network in the County adequate to cater for the increasing volume of modern traffic and to provide the necessary infrastructure to support economic and social development, with due regard for the safety and amenity of all road users.

The Local Government Act of 2001 enables a County Council to establish Strategic Policy Committees to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the County Council.

Mayo County Council has established a Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee - their remit covers roads related issues as well as supporting rail and air transport in the County.

Road Classifications and Finances

Roads within the County are divided into four different categories and these are as follows:

National Primary Roads	(136kms)
National Secondary Roads	(271kms)
Regional Roads	(590kms)
Local Roads	(5,475kms)

The improvement and maintenance of both National Primary and National Secondary are funded in full by the National Roads Authority. The Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government fund a substantial part of the maintenance and improvement of Regional Roads and the improvement of Local Roads. The maintenance of Local Roads is met from the rate account annually.

In recent years the Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has allocated grants for the improvement of Roads in the 3 Mayo Gaeltachts, i.e. Achill, Belmullet and Tourmakeady.

The table hereunder sets out the level of grants allocated for the different categories of Roads in 2005.

ITEM	NATIONAL ROADS	SOURCE*	GRANT
1	Improvement Grants	N.R.A.	€14,459,000
2	Maintenance Grants	N.R.A.	€3,036,220
		Sub Total	€17,495,220
3	Restoration Improvement Grant	D.E.H.L.G.	€8,655,000
4	Restoration Maintenance Grant	D.E.H.L.G.	€3,963,000
5	Discretionary Improvement Grant	D.E.H.L.G.	€1,497,000
6	Discretionary Maintenance Grant	D.E.H.L.G.	€1,768,000
7	Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants	D.E.H.L.G.	€115,000
8	Specific Improvements	D.E.H.L.G.	€4,300,000
9	Class II & III Roads	D.E.H.L.G.	€370,000
10	Local Improvement Schemes	D.E.H.L.G.	€1,438,736
11	Regional Signposting	D.E.H.L.G.	€400,000
12	Non National Roads Training Programme	D.E.H.L.G.	€75,000
13	Metric Speed Limit Signage	D.E.H.L.G.	€27,208
14(a)	Clár Grants for Class II & III Roads (50%)	D.E.H.L.G.	€444,836
		Sub Total	€23,053,780
14(b)	Clár Grants for Class II & III Roads (50%)	D.C.R.G.A.	€444,836
15	Clár LIS Roads	D.C.R.G.A.	€712,344
16	Boithre Aise	D.C.R.G.A.	€180,688
17	Gaeltacht Strategic Roads	D.C.R.G.A.	€3,005,000
		Sub Total	€4,342,868
	OWN RESOURCES ALLOCATIONS		
18		Mayo Co.Co.	€3,369,308
19		Mayo Co. Co	€1,050,900
		Sub Total	€4,420,208
		TOTAL:	€49,312,076

*N.R.A. National Roads Authority

*D.E.H.& L.G. Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

*D.C.R.G.A. Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

National Primary Roads

The grants for the **National Primary Roads** for 2005 were broken down as follows:

NP Major Planning & Design:

N5 Westport Castlebar	€ 100,000.00
N5 Charlestown By Pass	€ 3,000,000.00
N26 Ballina - Bohola Phase 1 - Carrowntreila	€ 2,600,000.00
N26 Ballina - Bohola Phase 2	€ 250,000.00

Accident Remedial:

N5 Cloonkeen	€ 6,000.00
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N5 Knockaphunta	€ 15,000.00
N5 Junctions	€ 45,000.00
N17 Relining at Junctions	€ 34,000.00
N26 Coolcronan	€ 15,000.00

Pavement & Minor Improvement:

N5 at Sheeaune	€ 100,000.00
N5 at Kilbree	€ 500,000.00
N5 Charlestown	€ 300,000.00
N5 Castlebar - Turlough Pavement Design	€ 50,000.00
N17 Charlestown to Kilkelly	€ 800,000.00
N26 Foxford to Ballina	€ 300,000.00
N26 Cloongullaun	€ 500,000.00

Traffic Calming:

N5 Castlebar	€ 50,000.00
N26 Foxford	€ 10,000.00

The grant for **National Primary Maintenance** was €1,209,045 - broken down as follows:

Winter Maintenance	€ 175,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	€ 45,000.00
Surface Dressing	€ 391,086.00
Ordinary Maintenance	€ 502,709.00
Public Lighting Contribution	€ 95,250.00



The following is a sun *Barnadearg Link Road* in the County:

National Roads Major Schemes

The position on the major schemes on National Roads is as follows:

(A) Schemes At Tender Stage:

- *N5 Charlestown By-pass* {18.2 kms}
[Estimate: €62m.]

The tenders for this scheme were received in November 2005 and the scheme is now at tender assessment stage. It is hoped to appoint a contractor by the end of January or early February 2006. Work will commence on site in March 2006 and the scheme will be substantially complete by the end of 2007.

During 2005, the land acquired was fenced and most of the archaeological sites on the scheme were resolved.

(B) Schemes at Planning Stage:

- **N26 Ballina-Bohola, Phase 2** *{18.4 kms}*
[Estimate: €85m.]

N.R.A. approval has been sought to the publication of the Compulsory Purchase Order and Environmental Impact Statement for this scheme.

- **N5 Castlebar-Westport** *{15 kms}*
[Estimate: €60m.]

The C.P.O. and E.I.S. are ready for publication for this scheme subject to N.R.A. approval.

- **N5 Ballyvary-Bohola** *{5 kms.}*

The preferred route for this scheme was approved by the Council in 2004. No further design work will be carried out on this scheme at this stage.

- **N.5 Castlebar Orbital Route**

The Preferred Route for this scheme has been identified.

- **N5/N.59 Westport Northern Relief Road**

The Preferred Route for this scheme has been identified and the N.R.A. have requested that a further traffic study be carried out before approval can be issued.

- **N.17 Charlestown Bypass**

The preferred route for this scheme has been identified and approved by this Council but further planning of the scheme has been deferred by the National Roads Authority at this stage.

This is the only scheme in County Mayo clearly included in the Atlantic corridor which was published as part of the Government's Transport 21 document and it is hoped that N.R.A. approval will be forthcoming to advance this scheme to C.P.O./E.I.S. Stage.

- **N.26/N.59 Ballina Orbital Routes**

The Route Options for this scheme were put on public display in 2005.

➤ **N.59 Ballina - Crossmolina Route**

The Constraints Study for this scheme will be complete early in 2006.

➤ **N.60 Castlebar-Claremorris**

The preferred route for this scheme has been approved by this Council and some detailed design and E.I.S. work has been initiated but grants for the scheme have been discontinued by the National Roads Authority. The County Development Plan included the upgrading of this route to National Primary status as an objective and until it is agreed to by the National Roads Authority and the Department of Transport, there are very poor prospects for further progress on the scheme.

➤ **N.60./N.84 Ballyhaunis and Ballinrobe Bypasses**

Grants have been sought from the N.R.A. to progress these bypasses to the Preferred Route Stage in 2006.

National Secondary Roads

The 2005 **National Secondary Improvement Grant** of €5,784,000 was primarily for the pavement works on the Secondary Network and works were undertaken at the following locations: -

Pavement & Minor Improvements:

N58 Straide - Ballylahan	€ 700,000.00
N59 Ballina - Sligo Co. Boundary at Creggs Rd.	€ 550,000.00
N59 Newport - Westport at Buckfield	€ 300,000.00
N59 Newport - Mulranny Rd., at Rosturk	€ 300,000.00
N59 Ballina - Crossmolina	€ 300,000.00
N59 Crossmolina - Bangor at Laragan	€ 300,000.00
N59 Crossmolina - Bellacorick	€ 300,000.00
N59 Moylaw Extension	€ 650,000.00
N59 Westport - Leenane at Gowlan	€ 300,000.00
N59 Advance Design	€ 100,000.00
N59 Ballycroy - Bangor Erris at Knockmoyleen & Srahnamoneragh	€ 300,000.00
N60 Castlebar Rd., Claremorris at Kiltimagh Jctn.	€ 300,000.00
N60 Claremorris - Ballyhaunis Rd.	€ 250,000.00
N60 Claremorris - Ballyhaunis - Co. Boundary	€ 50,000.00
N83 Cappagh - Tooreen Rd.	€ 100,000.00
N84 Partry - Keel Bridge	€ 300,000.00
Accident Remedial:	
N59 entire route Mayo	€ 139,000.00
N59 Bellacorick to Bangor at Briska	€ 30,000.00
N59 Erriff Bridge	€ 5,000.00
N59 Bellacorick	€ 15,000.00
N59 Ballycroy	€ 5,000.00
N59 Crananeen	€ 15,000.00
N59 Freheens Junction	€ 5,000.00
N59 Lecarrow	€ 25,000.00

N84 Carramore	€ 10,000.00
N83 Curraun to Grallagh	€ 10,000.00
Bridges:	
Culvert Replacement	€ 165,000.00
Traffic Calming:	
N60 Traffic Calming Balla	€ 250,000.00
N60 Traffic Calming Breaffy	€ 10,000.00

The **National Secondary Maintenance Grant** for 2005 was €1,827,175 broken down as follows:

Winter Maintenance	€ 195,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	€ 80,000.00
Surface Dressing	€ 659,756.00
Ordinary Maintenance	€ 860,669.00
Public Lighting Contribution	€ 31,750.00

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

Details of the Non-National Road Grants for 2005 are given above.

The Specific Improvement Grants (at item 8 above) was allocated for the following schemes:

Brookhill, Claremorris	€ 400,000
Cross to Headford	€ 550,000
Newport Rd., Castlebar	€ 800,000
Barnadearg, Ballina	€ 700,000
Castlebar Rd., Newport	€1,000,000
Achill Sound Bridge	€ 150,000
Bohola to Kiltimagh	€ 700,000

Clár (Roads)

In the year 2000, the Government launched the Clár Programme (Ceanntair Laga Árd Riachtanais). The Programme is designed specifically to address rural areas of special disadvantage. A sizeable proportion of Co. Mayo is within the Clár area and the County has benefited from grants under the Clár Programme.

Road Clár grants totalling €1,602,016 were received in 2005. Of these grants, €712,344 was for L.I.S. Roads in the Clár Areas and these grants allowed the Council to carry out valuable work on 92 roads with a total length of 108 km in the Clár Areas. A sum of €889,672 was received in respect of Clár secondary and tertiary roads. This was funded 50% by the Department of Heritage, Environment and Local Government and 50% by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

The Grants for Strategic Roads in the Gaeltacht Areas were expended on Schemes as follows:

Blacksod to Aughleam	€ 605,000
Curraun, Mulranny	€1,320,000
Tourmakeady, Killateaun	€ 990,000
Partry	<u>€ 90,000</u>
Total	€3,005,000

Local Improvement Schemes (L.I.S.)

The 2005 grant for L.I.S Schemes totalled €1,438,736. In addition a Clár top-up grant of €712,344 was received for L.I.S. Schemes in the Clár Area (already detailed). All of these Schemes were carried out in accordance with the Policy on L.I.S. adopted at S.P.C. and Council level.

Metrication of Speed Limits

The change over from miles per hour (imperial measurement) to kilometres per hour came into operation on 20th January, 2005, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act, 2004. Subsequently, guidelines were issued by the Minister for Transport to local authorities for the introduction of speed limits including special speed limits where these are deemed appropriate.

Any speed limit review involves public consultation, liaison with An Garda Síochana, and the sanction of the National Roads Authority in respect of speed limits on National Roads. The making of speed limit byelaws is a reserved function of the Council.

Public Lighting

Mayo County Council operates and maintains approximately 8,000 public lights throughout the County. The estimated cost of running these for 2005 was €900,000.

Public lighting had been traditionally a 'bundled' product with design, installation, energy, maintenance and management provided by *ESB*.

Energy for Public lighting is generally provided on the basis of Unmetered Supplies (UMS), the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) deregulated UMS from July 2005.

ESB Networks are the Distribution System Operator (DSO) and Meter Registration System Operators (MRSO) under license from the CER. As part of these functions they register customers with suppliers and provide the data to suppliers for billing.

The MRSO applies a Meter Point Reference Number MPRN to each electrical connection in the country. In the case of UMS the connection points are arranged as Technical MPRN or TMPRN these are further grouped for billing as Grouped MPRN or GMPRN.

Mayo County Council must apply to the DSO for new connections and in the future will have to advise them of any inventory or equipment changes. This will involve the management of an accurate inventory.

Currently Mayo County Council use *ESB Customer Supply* to supplies the energy for our public lighting and *ESB contracts* to supply the maintenance and other services.

The €900,000.00 will be expended as follows:

➤ Electricity charges	€450,850.70
➤ 8% Electricity increase	€36,068.06
➤ Maintenance Charges	€363,153.74
➤ 2½% Maintenance increase	€9,078.84
➤ PSO Levy	€17,984.94
➤ Electricity arrears contribution	<u>€22,863.72</u>
Public Lighting Estimate 2006	€900,000.00



Foxford Pre Link Road



Foxford Link Road

Road Safety

In 2005, Mayo County Council appointed Mr. Noel Gibbons as a full-time Road Safety Officer. Recently, in association with the Gardai and the National Safety Council, Mayo County Council formally launched our Road Safety Programme 2006.

The County Council in conjunction with the National Safety Council 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 Gardai and parents these schemes make a significant contribution to Road Safety. The Road Safety Officer will also be working with the Road Safety Together Committee in the County whose membership comprises of County Council, Gardai and local community representatives towards the implementation of the Road Safety Strategy.

Road Safety Awareness for 2005 was normally concentrated in 4 main areas.

1. Promotion of Road Safety in the Primary Schools

This activity is conducted in conjunction with the Gardai and in fact the County Council provides support to the Gardai when visiting schools by providing leaflets, reflective armbands and other road safety promotional material. The efforts of the Gardai in this area are greatly appreciated and there is good co-operation between the Council and the Gardai in promoting Road Safety in primary schools and the promotion of Road Safety generally.

2. Junior Warden Schemes

Again, the activity in this area is to support the 2 Junior Warden Schemes in Ballina Town. One at the Girl's National School, Convent Hill and the other at Scoil Padraig, Pound Street.

Uniforms and signs are provided by the County Council. Road markings are updated regularly and an outing is given to the Wardens each year to demonstrate an appreciation of their efforts through out the year. Again, this Council is fortunate to have the enthusiastic support of the Principals in both schools, Sr Nancy and Brother Sebastian. 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.

3. General Promotion of Road Safety through the Local Media

The County Council operates in support of the National Safety Council and also does general promotion in the local papers.

4. Road Safety Plan

The work of a steering committee in the promotion of the Road Safety Plan is hoped to be developed in the 2006. 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
1999	13
2000	11
2001	8
2002	14



New Road at Mountain View, Castlebar



Piers and Harbours

Introduction

During 2004, the Council carried out a major assessment and analysis in respect of all the marine structures (including piers, harbours and landing places) in the County. The purpose of the assessment was to identify priority categories for development and repair and to provide an objective basis for informed decision for future funding allocations. The study sets out a prioritisation of needs in respect of the various piers and harbours and other marine structures and sets out the financial requirements for the upgrading of structures and maintenance costs.

During 2005, byelaws were introduced for the management of Roonagh Pier and car park following completion of the Roonagh Pier extension project.

A financial cost rests with the Council for the implementation of the byelaws as well as the more traditional costs in respect of the maintenance of navigational aids, visitor moorings, maintenance of cranes and other pier and harbour ongoing maintenance costs.

Major Marine Works under Construction

During 2005, the Council received considerable financial assistance from the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs in respect of the following projects:

- ◆ New pier at Clare Island - gross cost €9m - Mayo County Council's contribution €190,000
- ◆ Pier extension at Innishturk - gross cost €2.5m - Mayo County Council's contribution €190,000

In association with the Clare Island Pier, the County Council is developing a new car park on Clare Island at a cost of €240,000, which is being grant aided by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

Other Projects undertaken include the following:

Small Piers & Harbours

Location	<i>Description of Work</i>	Dept. of Community Rural & Gaeltacht Grant	Mayo County Council's contribution
Belmullet	New Slipway	€100,000	€33,333
Saleen	Complete wall structure	€40,000	€13,333
Corraun	Sea wall repairs	€18,750	€6,250
Dooega	Complete storm wall	€32,000	€10,666
Saula	Provide water, power and mend railings	€18,750	€6,250
Cloughmore	Provide water, power, navigational lights and dredging	€40,500	€13,499
	Total	€250,000	€83,331

Island Projects

Location	Description of work	Dept. of Community Rural & Gaeltacht Grant	Mayo County Council's contribution
Clare Island	Roadworks	€64,500	€56,500
Innishturk	Roadworks & lighting	€53,500	€53,500
Innishnakillew	Roadworks / Coastal protection	€60,000	Nil
Innisbigil	Roadworks	€90,000	€15,000
Islandmore	Safety measures on the quay	€82,681	€27,560
	Total:	€350,681	€152,560

Other Marine Projects

(a) Schemes at Preliminary Stage:

The following schemes are at preliminary stage and discussions are ongoing with both the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and the Department of the Marine with a view to securing capital funding for each project:

1. Darbys Point (Cloughmore), Achill
2. Killala Pier
3. Kilcummin Pier
4. Porturlin Pier extension

5. Purteen Harbour Achill development
6. Rosmoney Pier development
7. Rinn Rua Pier extension
8. Roonagh - new terminal buildings

(b)

The Council received funding in 2005, from the Department of the Marine in respect of the following projects:

Killala Pier - Silt Transportation Study -	Grant	€37,500
Rosmoney Pier - Preliminary report -	Grant	€37,500
Bertra Beach - Coastal Protection -		€75,000

The grant in each case represents 75% of the cost - the Council's contribution therefore is €50,000 for these three projects.

Innisbiggle Cable Car

A recent announcement from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs indicates that the above project will not now proceed. In lieu of the Cable Car, however, as a means of accessing the island, the Department has indicated a number of measures to improve access to the island and to support other improvements on the island. Mayo County Council will play its part in co-operation with the Department in this regard.



Floating Jetty constructed on Islandmore Clew Bay by direct labour staff in the Newport area.

*The Jetty provides landing facilities to Islandmore for the first time
Funding was provided by Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht
Affairs and Mayo County Council*

Rural Water Section

Mayo County Council is responsible for functions previously executed by the Department of the Environment in relation to the establishment and administration of Group Water Schemes throughout the County. This provides an additional opportunity for the Council to further the cause of subsidiarity, working hand in hand with local communities in the provision and maintenance of that most basic service – a potable water supply.

Group Water Schemes are found primarily in rural areas generally not served by a public water supply, and are privately owned, operated, and maintained. There are approximately 325 such Schemes in operation in County Mayo.

Mayo County Council have set up a County monitoring committee and appointed a Liaison Officer. The primary challenge faced by all parties involved in rural water supplies in Ireland is to ensure that the quality of the water supplied to consumers complies with the EU Directive on Drinking Water Standards.

Strategic Rural Water Plan

The Outline stage and the Second stage of the Strategic Rural Water are complete and have been adopted and agreed by the Local County Rural Water Committee, the Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee and Mayo County Council. The Plan constitutes a blueprint for the future development of rural water supplies in County Mayo and facilitates the focusing of investment where it will have the most beneficial effect. The Plan has been prepared in full consultation with all interested parties. The emphasis in the early stages of the Plan is on dealing with the poor water quality problems in the privately sourced Group Water Schemes, approximately 90 of which are seriously deficient. Funding can then be concentrated on upgrading pipework, reservoirs etc. The next few years will see the construction of a significant number of treatment plants on privately sourced Group Water Schemes. The Design, Build, Operate (DBO) procurement process will increasingly be used to engage contractors for this work as it permits the Groups to avail of a 100% grant for the treatment equipment. This will bring about an important change in the way potable water is produced in privately sourced Schemes as the operation of the treatment plants will be in the hands of private companies/contractors although the Groups involved will still own the facilities. The estimated cost of the works identified in the Plan is €77.45 million.

Design / Build / Operate (D.B.O.)

Bundle No. 1:

As already outlined, the D.B.O. procurement process is being used to engage contractors for the construction and operation of treatment plants on privately sourced Group Water Schemes.

The 1st Bundle of these Schemes in Co. Mayo consists of the following Schemes:-

Ballycroy, Ballyglass/Carnacon,
Brackloon/Spaddagh, Drummin,
Glencorrib, Glenhest, Killeen,
Kilmeena, Kilmovee, Lough
Mask/Creevagh, Laghta, Belderrig,
Bohola.

Signing of Operational and Maintenance Contract between Ballyglass/Carnacon GWS and Earth Tech Irl. Ltd. for new water treatment plant



Advance Works Contract No 1 is completed except for items on the snag list. Advance Works Contract No. 2 (metering, critical mains) is well advanced and will be completed early in 2006. Tenders have been received for Advance Works Contract No 3 and a tender recommendation is awaited from the Employers Representative.



Signing of Operational and Maintenance Contract between Laghta GWS and Earth Tech Irl. Ltd. for new water treatment plant

Earth-Tech Ltd have started work on the construction of the water treatment plants and all of these plants will be commissioned before the end of December 2006.

Bundle No. 2:

A 2nd Bundle has now been formed consisting of the following Groups:
Ballyvary, Bofeenaun, Burrishoole, Callow, Cloonmore/Rooskey, Cuilmore, Curramore, Derryhillagh, Eskeragh, Keelogues, Killasser, Lahardane, Meelick, Prizon/Lisnolan, Pulladoohey, Shraheens (Foxford), Straide, Tavneena, Fahy/Kilmaclasser, and Woodfield.

Ryan Hanley have submitted revised design reports for 17 no. water schemes where source rationalisation is an option to take account of the requirements contained in the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government information note of July 2005.

Tenders are being sought for advance works contract No 1 for critical mains replacement and installation of consumer meter boxes and this Contract will commence in early 2006.

2005 Works Programme

<i>Construction Completed</i>	
Larganboy Lough Mask/Creevagh Lissatava	Tiernaur Tourmakeady Ext. Belcarra (95)%

<i>Construction In Progress</i>	
Briska Carras Coogue Manulla Logboy	Moyne/Meelick Straide Cloongee Thornhill Shammer

<i>Tender Stage</i>	
Cortoon Frenchbrook South Holywell Cushlough	Banogues Sraheens (Aghagower) Bushfield (Charlestown) Devlis/Knockbrack

Take-Over of Group Water Schemes

Enquiries regarding take-over of Schemes have been received from a number of Groups. These applications will be assessed on the basis of existing water quality and reliability of supply among other criteria.

Work on upgrading of Knockmore GWS prior to take-over is nearing completion. Discussions are ongoing regarding the take-over of Islandeady/Glenisland GWS. The following small Group Schemes have been upgraded and are being progressed for take-over – Drumsheel GWS, Springvale GWS, Cultrasna GWS, Goulboy GWS and Kilcon GWS.

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. The objectives of the scheme are to secure the improvements of rural water supplies and to extend the benefits of the abolition of Local Authority domestic water charges to households supplied by Group Schemes. 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.

Mayo County Fire Service

Mayo is a large rural County, which covers an area of 2,159 sq. miles and has a population of almost 120,000 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 an obligation, 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.



*8th April 2005: Fire Brigade H.Q.
holding a Minute of Silence to mark the death of Pope John Paul II*

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 Act, 1990. 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 Certificate Applications - the number of Fire Safety Certificate applications alone rose by 34%, from 240 in 2004 to 321 in 2005. Of the 321 applications received only 1 application was refused, with 257 applications being granted during 2005.
- Liquor Licence / Dance Licence / Club Licence / Gaming and Lottery Licence applications – 301 licensing inspections were undertaken, covering 270 premises.

The Council also carry out inspections of buildings under the various Acts and are continuing with their programme of random inspections of places of public assembly, in co-operation with An Garda Síochána, to ensure compliance with

the fire safety requirements and to detect and prevent overcrowding in these premises. As a result of the evolving legislation and new construction techniques, Fire Prevention Officers are kept updated through regular training courses and seminars.

Community Fire Safety



Minister Dick Roche announced a change programme for the fire services in February 2005. Part of this change programme is the development of community fire safety initiatives to shift the current focus from responding to fires to involving the community at large in the task of preventing fires.

Mayo County Fire Service has always promoted fire safety awareness in the community by means of meetings, seminars, school visits and various targeted information campaigns. During National Fire Safety week (10-17th October 2005), Mayo County Fire Service actively promoted the National Safety Council's Fire Safety message '*Don't delay - test your battery and smoke alarm today!*' through a number of fire safety programmes:

1. Fire fighters in the three Town Council areas of the County, namely Castlebar, Ballina and Westport, accompanied by Fire Prevention Officers, took their fire appliances out to central shopping locations in each area and distributed leaflets and gave fire safety advice to members of the public.
2. A "Fire Safety for New Mums" initiative whereby all mums, having babies born during National Fire Safety Week, were offered a free 10-year self-contained smoke alarm.
3. Open days were again held in various stations around the County during the week. This attracted in excess of 1000 students from schools throughout County Mayo.
4. Advertising campaigns in the local newspaper publications and radio.

In conjunction with Mayo County Childcare Committee, Fire Prevention Officers gave talks and demonstrations to the various local childcare networks throughout County Mayo, covering aspects such as:

- Legal Provisions relating to Pre-Schools
- The Fire Safety in Pre-schools Guide
- The Use of Fire Extinguishers

Fire Service Operations

The Council currently employs 133 fire fighters in 12 fire stations and 7 first aid fire fighting units located around the County. These fire fighters deal with, on average, between 1,200 and 1,400 responses annually ranging from chimney fires,

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house fires, bog/forest fires, road traffic accidents, rescues, chemical spills and flooding.

In 2005, the Fire Service responded to 1,056 incidents in the County (details hereunder), which resulted in 1,176 responses by the Fire Service:

- Number of Fires Attended by Brigades - 615
- Number of Special Service Incidents Attended by Brigades - 253
- Number of False Alarm Incidents Attended by Brigades - 188

During 2005, ten additional fire stations were integrated into CAMP West, resulting in all twelve of the Mayo Fire Brigade stations being mobilised by CAMP West.

Fire Service Appliances

The Council took possession of two new Class B water tender vehicles and an Emergency Tender vehicle in 2004; these appliances currently form part of the Castlebar and Ballina Fire Brigade fleet. These appliances stems from the continuous fire appliance fleet upgrading programme in the County, funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

In addition to this, Mayo County Council went out to tender for construction of two new purpose-built fire stations, in Achill Sound and Westport, following approval from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Fire Brigade Training

All firefighters in the County undergo a comprehensive training programme. During 2005, firefighters availed of the following courses, inter alia:

- Recruit Induction Course
- Breathing Apparatus Initial Wearers Course
- Winching Competency Course
- Rope Rescue Course

The Fire Behaviour Training Centre, established at Ballinrobe Fire Station, is only one of three currently in operation in the country. Training was carried out in Ballinrobe for firefighters from Mayo, Galway, Roscommon, Leitrim and Cavan Fire Brigade.

Both Senior Fire Officers and Junior Fire Officers took part in several Fire Services Council training courses. The courses covered the following, inter alia:

- Media Communications
- Hazardous Materials
- Operational Command
- Fire Service Instructor

Major Emergency Planning

Mayo County Fire Service participated in two limited 'major emergency plan' exercises during 2005.

1. March 2005 - Exercise 'Knock 2005' involved the Local Authority, Knock Airport, the Garda Síochána and the Health Service Executive, simulated an aircraft crash at Knock International Airport, with Brigades from Charlestown and Swinford attending the incident scene.
2. October 2005 - 'Operation Moy' part of the national emergency planning exercise' simulated a 52-seater bus crashing into an oil tanker in the County Sligo village of Curry. With Mayo County Fire Service covering parts of south County Sligo, units from Charlestown and Swinford Fire Brigade attended the exercise.



Fire-fighters from Charlestown Fire Brigade attacking a fuel-fire at Exercise 'Knock 2005'

Fire Brigade Retirements

- Michael Killeen – Driver/Mechanic with Ballinrobe Fire Brigade, retired 2/5/05 after 26 years of service
- Cecil Jackson – Squad Leader with Ballycastle First-Aid Fire Fighting Unit, retired 31/5/05 after 30 years of service
- Michael Rowley – Station Officer with Swinford Fire Brigade, retired 28/9/05 after 39 years of service
- Joe McNamara – Assistant Squad Leader with Louisburgh First-Aid Fire Fighting Unit, retired 30/9/05 after 31 years of service
- Christy Vahey – Station Officer with Ballinrobe Fire Brigade, retired 14/11/05 after 32 years of service

CAMP West

2005 was the first year of operation of CAMP West Regional Communications Centre. At the start of 2005, operational staff had already been recruited and trained. Elements of the system had been tested in parallel with the existing mobilising system and CAMP West was ready to roll the system out to the retained fire services of Donegal, Leitrim, Mayo and Roscommon.

At the start of 2005, the Fire Authorities of Donegal, Mayo, Leitrim and Roscommon and the Ambulance service of HSE West (Formerly Western Health Board), were all using the CAMP West region wide voice Radio network. During the year the system was fully rolled out to the fire services of Donegal, Mayo,

Leitrim and Roscommon. CAMP West is now handling all emergency requests for these Fire Authorities. The Fire Services of Galway and Sligo also migrated onto the CAMP Radio network during the 2005. This allowed parallel testing of the system in these counties to be carried out. By the end of the year all partner authorities were using fully the CAMP West radio network.

During 2005 the CAMP West Regional Communications Centre received 2,448 emergency calls for 1,909 separate emergencies incidents. The average call handling time for emergency calls was 1 min 48 seconds, with 80 % of all calls being handled in less than 2 1/2 minutes. These performance figures are comparable with other emergency call taking centres.



Staff who were in CAMP West when the rollout of the system commenced and live calls were first received in the control centre

Enforcement Section

Mayo County Council is the Building Control Authority for the administrative area of County Mayo and the three Town Council areas of Castlebar, Westport and Ballina. Following on from the creation of the Enforcement Section in 2004 to deal with unauthorised developments and building control issues, the Planning Enforcement Section issued 69 warning letters and 26 enforcement notices during 2005.

The Planning Enforcement Section (excluding Town Councils) administers all payments due/made to Mayo County Council under The Development Contribution Scheme (pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000).

Commencement Notices significantly increased in 2005. Mayo County Fire Service received 1,688 commencements notice applications in 2005 compared to 1,501 commencements notice applications in 2004 - an increase of 12.5% over 2004.

Water Supply and Sewerage

The policy of Mayo County Council is to improve and extend Water Services in the County. EU and National legislation set down standards for Drinking Water Quality and the Urban Wastewater Treatment Regulations stipulate that sewage treatment facilities are in place in all our major towns by 2005.

The National Development Plan (2000 – 2006) recognises the need to address the infrastructural deficit in the water services sector and an increased level of funding is now in place and this will have the effect of accelerating the Sanitary Services Programme of Capital Works over the next number of years.

Expansion and improvement of these services is necessary to encourage and facilitate industrial and commercial development in the County. Maintaining a proper balance between protecting and enhancing our environment and economic and sustainable development is a central goal of Mayo County Council.

A number of Capital Sanitary Schemes were successfully completed during 2005 while a number of other schemes were under construction. In addition the planning of more than thirty major water and sewerage scheme at a cost of 250m, continues.

Schemes Completed in 2005

- *Lough Mask Regional Supply Scheme Water Conservation*
- Lough Mask RWSS, Extension to Balla.
- Lahardaun Sewerage Scheme.
- Gweesalia Sewerage Scheme.
- *Ballina Relief Main*
- Ballina Inner Relief Road Watermain
- Castlebar Environs Sewerage Scheme outfall pipe to Manulla River and McHale Road advance works
- Achill Regional Water Supply Scheme, Bunacurry Reservoir
- Mulranny Sewerage Scheme, S.L.I.
- Louisburgh Sewerage Scheme S.L.I.
- Ballindine Sewerage Scheme S.L.I.
- Balla Sewerage Scheme, S.L.I.
- Knock Sewerage Scheme extension on Carramore Road S.L.I.

Schemes Under Construction in 2005

- Castlebar Environs Sewerage Scheme
- Ballina Main Drainage Scheme, Stage 2
- Water Conservation Project, All Public Schemes

- Tourmakeady Sewerage Scheme S.L.I.
- Kilmaine Sewerage Scheme
- Kilmovee Sewerage Scheme
- Erris Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Glenamoy

- Aughagower Sewerage Scheme
- Mulranny Sewerage Scheme extension to Murrevagh S.L.I.



Ballina Main Drainage, Stage 2 - Signing of Contract

Schemes to commence Construction in 2006

- Ballina Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Crossmolina
- Achill Sound Sewerage Scheme
- Killala Sewerage Scheme
- Non Domestic Metering Project
- Kiltimagh Sewerage Scheme
- Tuam Regional Water supply extension to Shrule
- Crossmolina Sewerage Scheme Extension To Knockalegan S.L.I.
- Dooport Sewerage Scheme Stage 2 Golden Strand.
- Hollymount Sewerage Scheme Stage 2.
- Moygownagh Sewerage Scheme

Other Capital Schemes in Planning

- Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension Srah to Westport and Tourmakeady Treatment Works Upgrading
- Ballina Regional Water Supply Scheme, Stage 3, Ballina Town Scheme
- Newport Sewerage Scheme
- Sludge Treatment Facility
- Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Kilmaine & Shrule
- Westport Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Louisburgh
- Belmullet Sewerage Scheme
- Foxford Sewerage Scheme
- Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Kiltimagh
- Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme, Extension to Newport and Mulranny
- Charlestown Sewerage Scheme

- The Neale Sewerage Scheme
- Ballyheane Sewerage Scheme
- Cross Sewerage Scheme
- Crossboyne Sewerage Scheme

COUNTY MAYO WATER CONSERVATION AND NETWORK MANAGEMENT PROJECT/NON DOMESTIC METERING PROJECT.

The National Water Study published by W.S. Atkins Limited in March 2000 was a national study based on towns with a population of 5,000 or greater revealed that leakage and other sources of Unaccounted For Water (UFW) comprise approximately 50% of the total current water distribution input.

In 2003, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government advised local authorities of the introduction of a new National Water Conservation Programme and outlined the allocation of exchequer funding to enable all local authorities to implement water conservation measures in their own areas. Mayo County Council received an allocation of **€6,132,000** from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the 2003 Water Conservation Programme.

The overall aim of this project is to reduce Unaccounted for Water (UFW) across the county, this UFW may be any of the following:-

- Leaks on public water mains.
- Leaks on Customer mains.
- Customer wastage of water.
- Unknown or illegal connections and or customers.
- Higher than expected customer usage.

Expenditure under the programme falls into three Phases as follows.

Phase 1 (2004 – 2006) – Countywide Project

Phase 1 of the Project commenced in April 2004 with the appointment of Ryan Hanley/Carl Bro to carry out The County Mayo Water Conservation and Network Management Project.

Phase 1 of the project encompassed 14 priority schemes which included the following towns

Ballina RWSS, Ballina Town Supply, Ballycastle WSS, Bonniclon WSS, Charlestown WSS, Crossmolina WSS, Erris RWSS, Foxford WSS, Kiltimagh WSS, Kilkelly WSS, Louisburgh WSS, Mulranny WSS, Swinford WSS, Westport WSS.

63 District Metering Area's (DMA's) were set up and leakage detection and repair was undertaken, To date this phase of the project has yielded savings in

the region of 3500 m³/day. Two water schemes showing the greatest savings are Charlestown and Ballina Town water supply schemes with individual savings of over 600m³ per day and 1,200m³ per day respectively.

Saving in water consumption for some smaller towns is shown hereunder

Scheme	Current Demand (20/02/06)	Original Demand (Nov. 2004)
Foxford	560m ³ /day	760m ³ /day
Kiltimagh	620m ³ /day	730 m ³ /day (was at 1000m ³ /day)
Charlestown	530m ³ /day	1260 m ³ /day
Kilkelly	170m ³ /day	300m ³ /day

Phase 2 (2006 – 2008)

Phase 2 of the Project involves the remaining Water Supply Schemes in County Mayo. **Newport; Knock; Ballyhaunis; Cong; Shrule; Kilmaine; Achill; Balla; Clare Island.** Phase 2 will include the incorporation of the Lough Mask Project (**Castlebar; Claremorris and Ballinrobe**) into the countywide project by extending the network management procedures established under the current phase of the project to cover the Lough Mask RWSS.

The County now has a dedicated team of Water Conservation staff, which it intends to expand and supplement with additional leak detection resources under this Phase of the project.

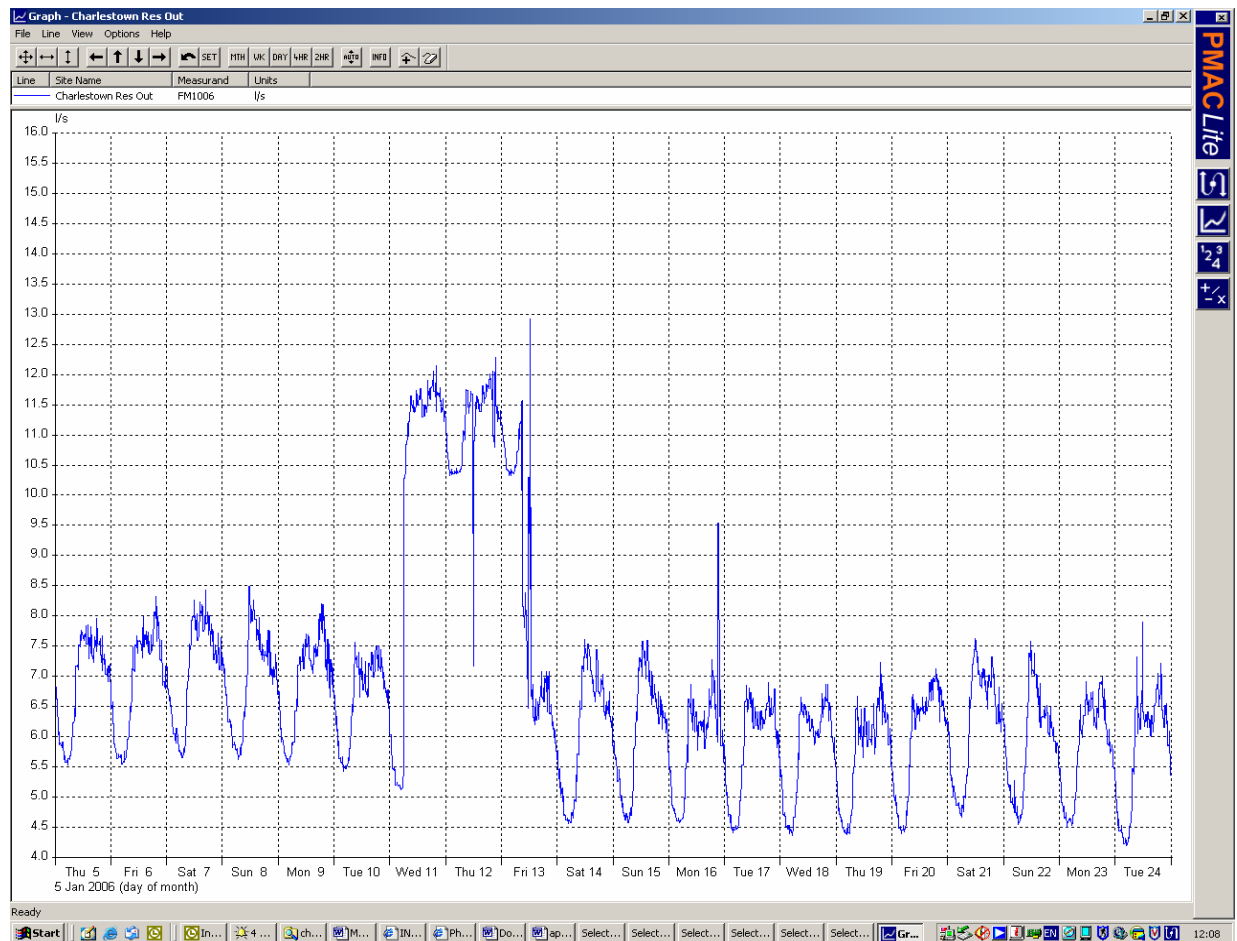
Phase 2 will involve the establishment of a further 80 DMA's and the continuation of the active leak detection and repair programme. The target for Phase 2 is to reduce UFW by a further 10,000 m³/day, resulting in estimated total savings for the project in the order of 13,500m³/day.

Phase 3 (Post 2008)

Phase 3 of the Project will involve the implementation of recommended mains rehabilitation works which will be identified on a countywide basis under the Phase 1 and Phase 2 works.

Total Estimated Expenditure :

•	Lough Mask Project	€ 1,991,557
•	Phase 1	€ 2,618,322
•	Phase 2	€ 4,017,191
•	Phase 3	<u>€29,500,000</u>
	TOTAL	€38,127,070



The graph above shows daily flows in Charlestown, with the dates shown horizontally and the flow shown vertically. This graph shows how a leak occurred on Wednesday the 11th of January 2006. The water conservation office and the waste water inspectors working with the caretaker identified the leak location and organised its immediate repair. The telemetry system allows all the flows to be monitored daily. The above Leak was estimated at over 400m³ per day, at 2006 Water Charges of €1.10 per m³, this equates to €440 per day or €160,600 per year.

Non Domestic Metering Project

Mayo Co Council is also engaged in the provision of meters for all non-domestic users in the county.

The new non-domestic water metering project will greatly enhance the water conservation project as it will identify all non-domestic customers and monitor their consumption. This will result in identifying actual customer water consumption, highlighting possible customer leaks or wastage and will have the overall effect of reducing UFW. Non-domestic customers who use water as part of their business will have to review their consumption needs when they commence paying by volume of water used. A typical large hotel can use €50,000 to €60,000 worth of water a year, so it is in their interest to review this, as a 10% reduction in usage will result in considerable monetary savings. Similarly a customer leak, on a standard water connection (1/2") could yield 90m³ per day resulting in a water charge of €35,000 per year. Hence it will become more and more important to monitor water consumption.







	<p><i>One Drop per second:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 129 litres per month. - 28 Gals per month. - €0.15 per month 		<p><i>Two drops per second:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 380 Litres per month. - 83 Gallons per month. - €0.42 per month
	<p>Drops breaking to a stream:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,650 Litres per month. - 583 Gallons Per month. - €2.91 per month. 		<p><i>1/8" (3mm) stream:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 29,520 litres per month - 6,500 Gallons per month - €32.47 per month
	<p><i>3/16" (5mm) stream:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 48,260 litres per month - 10,620 Gallons per month - €53.08 per month 		<p><i>1/4" (6.5mm) stream:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 105,030 litres per month - 23,110 Gallons per month - €115.53 per month

Table above shows the quantities of water leaking from a tap and their associated costs to the customer.

Mayo County Library

MISSION

To enhance the quality of life for all by providing diverse cultural, educational, recreational and information resources in a friendly, inclusive and professional manner



*Launch of Heritage Week in
Castlebar Library*

Capital Projects

Charlestown Library

The new library in Charlestown was officially opened by the Cathaoirleach of Mayo County Council in May 2005. The library has attracted 700 members and has lent over 5000 books to date.

Ballina Library and Museum

Ballina library and museum were handed over to the Council in early June 2005. Work is proceeding on shelving, fitting out and stocking of the new library in Ballina. The library will open early in 2006. The museum will open later in the year. A unique collection of historical documents has been donated to the library which will attract students and scholars to the town.

Castlebar Library Headquarters

A contractor has now been appointed to this project and work will begin as soon as approval is received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to proceed.

Westport Business Library

Mayo County Council opened a new business library in Westport in February which comprises books, journals and electronic resources on all aspects of business including marketing, accounting, management and starting-your-own-business.

Knockmore

Mayo County Council will allocate a collection of books to the new Community Centre in Knockmore.

Development Plan

A Development Plan for the library service for 2005 to 2010 was produced and will be put before the Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee in 2006. The main thrust of the plan is on making the service more accessible for all.

Agora Project

Mayo County Council received funding for the provision of a computer learning centre in Swinford and the setting up of a Swinford.ie website which allows the people of the town to run their own websites and email addresses. A building adjacent to Swinford library was fitted out for the project and a staff member appointed. The facility opened in June 2005. The site, which includes a history of the town, a directory of services and a photo gallery, is proving extremely popular with people of all levels of computer expertise.

National Reading Week

The first ever National Reading Week took place in June 2005. The aim of the week was to promote reading and celebrate 150 years of public libraries in Ireland.

Among the events held in Mayo were:

- An amnesty on fines for the week
- Visits by authors KT McCaffrey and Christy Keneally
- A talk on 'Reading at the Library' by Austin Vaughan.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Don chéad uair, ritheadh mórchlár imeachtaí ag an gComhairle le haghaidh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Seoladh clár ina raibh níos mó ná fiche eachtraí ag aisteoir Mick Lally agus ritheadh é le linn Márta. Istigh ann bhí léamhanna, ceol, comórtaisí agus taispeántas leabhar chomh maith le oíche litríochta agus oíche ceol í Leabharlann Chathair na Mart

For the first time the Council has run a major programme of events for Seachtain na Gaeilge. A programme, consisting of over twenty events, was launched by actor Mick Lally and ran during March. It included readings, music, competitions and book displays in library branches and culminated in a night of music and reading in Westport library.

Emile – Emigrant Letters Project

The EMILE Emigrant Letters Project was launched in September by the Cathaoirleach of the Council, Councillor Henry Kenny. Special guests at the opening were the US Ambassador to Ireland and the Philadelphia Mayo Association. A major exhibition, book and website have resulted from the project which was funded by the EU.



Launch of Emile Project in Castlebar Library

Exhibitions and Cultural Events

- **Travels in time:** an exhibition on European cultural heritage opened in Castlebar library in March



Booker Prize winner DBC Pierre signing author board on his visit to Castlebar Library

- A reading by Booker Prize Winner DBC Pierre took place in Castlebar Library
- **Faces and Places:** an exhibition by Noreen Gannon was held in Castlebar library in April
- **Inspirations,** an exhibition of works by members of the Western Regional Council of Active Retirement was held in Westport library in May.
- Claremorris film club show its films in Claremorris library and a collection of books on film have now been located in the branch.
- **Sinn Fein Centenary exhibition** was held in Castlebar Library in June.
- An exhibition of **Recent acquisitions of Mayo Arts Office** was held in Belmullet library to mark the Force 12 festival
- **Readings by poet Cathal O Searcaig** in Castlebar, Belmullet, Claremorris and Westport libraries in June
- **Open University Information Evenings** – held in most branches
- **Tidy Towns Exhibition** in Castlebar library in May
- Launch of book **But They are Forever Young: A History of the East Mayo Brigade 1913 –1921** in Kilkelly Library
- Exhibition on **Mayo War Graves** in Westport Library
- Launch of book of poetry by Noirin Gannon in Castlebar Library
- **Mayo Poetry Roadshow** in Kiltimagh and Belmullet libraries.
- **Famine relief in Mayo** – a lecture by historian Prof. Christine Kinealy was held in Castlebar library in February.
- **Walled gardens in Ireland Exhibition** in Westport Library
- A talk on **the life of Admiral Browne** was held in Castlebar library.
- **Architecture at the Edge,** an exhibition of new wave Irish architecture on the western seaboard – in Castlebar library
- Reading by Morag Prunty in Castlebar Library
- **Fair Trade Exhibition** in Westport Library

- Launch of **A Century of Service**, the centenary book of Muintir Mhaigh Eo Atha Cliath in Castlebar Library.
- **Exhibition** by artist Paddy Vallely in Achill library
- Reading by poet Richard Murphy in Westport Library
- Launch of **Gothic Ireland** by Jarlath Killeen in Castlebar Library.
- Launch of **The Giblin Legacy** by Máire Nic Domhnaill Gairbhi in Charlestown Library.
- **Art Exhibition** by Gina Muller in Westport Library
- An evening commemorating the Special Olympics was held in Ballinrobe Library.
- A number of events were held in Westport Library to mark the **Covey Convention**.
- Reading by poet Noirin Gannon in Achill Library

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

- The Westport Arts festival
- The Admiral Browne Project
- The Sogroo Festival Charlestown
- The Sonas Festival in Louisburgh
- Mayo County Child Care Committee
- Mayo Women's Refuge

School Library Service

The School Library Service is committed to improving the literacy and reading levels of primary school children in Mayo. This commitment was evidenced in 2005 by the implementation of the Government's special initiative for primary schools serving disadvantaged communities. Working in partnership with the schools, the School Library service held its first ever *Open Day* which allowed co-ordinators and teachers to select their own choice of stock for their cluster of schools. Seventy schools with almost 4,000 pupils benefited from the initiative in the county.

The book-exchange service maintained an extremely high turnover with almost 64,000 books being exchanged during the academic year 2004/2005. Expenditure on books also increased greatly with double the amount of material being added to stock than in the previous year. New developments in 2005 included:

- **"A Teacher Resource Collection"**- Topics include Autism, Dyslexia, Bullying, Gifted children, Self-esteem;
- The expansion of the **dual-language collection** of books initiated in 2004. These books are written in two languages, for example, English/Gujarati, English/Somali, English/Polish, English/Urdu;
- A **Touch, Hear and See Collection** for children with one or multiple disabilities attending mainstream schools will be developed in 2006.

In Safe Hands

Mayo Rape Crisis Centre and Mayo Women's Support Services initiated a creative project involving the casting of hands to form a bowl symbolising the shared experience of women using their services in 2005. What evolved out of this process was a unique and very beautiful sculpture which was on display in a number of library branches this year.

Marketing Project

Mayo County Library was selected to take part in a pilot study to produce a marketing plan for libraries. The final report was launched by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2005.

ICT

Belmullet library was computerised in the first half of the year. All the book stock and membership were added to a database which means that the people of Belmullet now have access to the full library catalogue of the county and can order and renew books online.

Photography Collection

The library is constantly adding to its collection of historical photos which now comprises over 300 items. The library received a large collection of negatives from a local photographer of which 3,000 photos taken in the years 1985 and 1986 have now been digitized. Work is ongoing on this project.

Anthology of Poetry and Photography

The library and Arts Office are currently inviting submissions from poets and photographers who wish to be considered for inclusion in an anthology publication which will showcase the best work in poetry and photography from the county. The publication will reflect high quality work of artistic integrity, by poets and photographers and artists from Mayo and will appear in 2006.

The Famine in Mayo

A second edition of this hugely popular book by staff member Ivor Hamrock was launched in February 2005 and is now on sale nationally.

*Professor Christine Kinneally
launching "The Famine in
Mayo" by Ivor Hamrock*

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Donations and Acquisitions

The library received the original estate maps of the Blosser-Lynch estate of over 10,000 acres which ranged from Balla to Lough Mask and from Lough Carra to near Claremorris. These maps were long thought to be lost and the library wishes to sincerely thank Mr. Pat Sheridan, principal Balla Community School, for making them available to the people of the county. They will be restored and made available on CD in 2006.

The personal library of the late **Dame Judy Coyne**, formerly of Bridgemount, Belcarra, Castlebar including miscellaneous material on Knock shrine was donated by her niece Eithne Kennedy to the library in August 2005.

A historical banner was presented to the library by the **Thomas Ashe Banner Memorial Committee** and is now on permanent display in Kilkelly library.

A book on the **Irish community in Cleveland** was presented to the library by US District Court Judge Patricia Ann Gaughan in Achill in June 2005.

A catalogue of the **Westport Estate Papers** by Brigid Clesham and Wesley Geddis was donated by the National Library of Ireland.

The library acquired a rare manuscript of a "*Settlement of the Marriage of the Right Honourable The Earl of Arran and Ms. Elizabeth Marianne Napier, 1838*" which includes a list of tenants on the Earl's estate in Mayo. It went on display in Castlebar library in July 2005.

The library acquired a number of images from the *Illustrated London News* relating to famine relief and the land war in the nineteenth century. These will be used as part of a major exhibition on Michael Davitt in 2006.

The library purchased **the collected works of Michael Davitt** which includes numerous pamphlets which had not previously been published.

A plaque was presented to the library in Ballinrobe to commemorate the late Dorothy Hearne.

A book of poetry by the late Michael Hensey was presented to Claremorris Library by his family.

The library greatly enhanced its research collection through the purchase of a collection CD ROMS which included:

- Irish Memorial Inscriptions Vol.1
Memorials of the Dead -Counties Galway & Mayo (Western Seaboard)
- **Grenham's Irish Surnames**
- **Counties in Time** - Documents and commentaries from the National Archives of Ireland
- **The 1831 Tithe Defaulters List**

- **The Irish Ancestor 1969-1986**
- **Pigot's Commercial directory of Ireland, 1824 –Connaught**
- **Slater's National Commercial directory of Ireland, 1846 –Connaught**
- **Sligo Independent County directory, Almanac and Guide 1889**
- **Taylor and Skinner's Road maps of Ireland, 1783**
- **A Complete Catholic Registry, Directory and Almanack, 1836**

Book Sale

The library ran a major book sale in March to clear out old stock in advance of the move to the new library HQ in Castlebar. The sale raised €3,000 which was presented to the REHAB charity.

Book Clubs

Mayo library now runs book clubs in four of its branches – Castlebar, Ballinrobe, Kiltimagh and Westport. A very successful children's reading club ran in Ballyhaunis Library throughout the summer of 2005.

Actions Planned for 2006

- Opening of County Museum and library in Ballina.
- Mayo County Council will acquire the building, in which Louisburgh library is housed, from the Church of Ireland thus allowing expansion of the service in the town.
- A major exhibition, a book and website on Michael Davitt to commemorate the centenary of his death will be produced in 2006.
- The Performance Management and Development system will be introduced in the library service.
- The feasibility of providing a library service in the Killala/Ballycastle area will be examined after the opening of the new library in Ballina.
- An extension to Ballyhaunis library is planned for 2006.
- The library in the Knockmore Community Centre will open early in 2006.
- The Blossie-Lynch estate maps will be restored and made available on CD in 2006.
- The library will create a database of users and their interest which will be used in targeted marketing.
- A series of talks on the life of Admiral Browne will be held in the branch libraries of the county in the run up to the Browne centenary in 2007.



Visit by US Ambassador James Kenny to Castlebar Library

Arts Service

The County Arts Service is continuing to develop in line with the principles of quality, access, inclusion and long-term value. The service includes the following areas: information, promotion, advice, programming, planning and policy. It covers all art forms: music, visual arts, drama, dance, film, community arts, festivals and public art. The effectiveness of the service is maximised through networking and strategic partnerships, with emphasis on the integration of arts into everyday life.

Arts Information, Promotion and Advice

This advisory service is availed of by over 230 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 Arts Acts grants which are available annually to any community or group wishing to run their own Arts-based event. These grants are administered through the County Secretary's Office.

Arts Programme 2005

Residency Programme

Extensive work was completed through the residency programme in 2005

- Visual artist Deirdre Walsh continued her excellent work with the Artist's Mentoring & Networking programme.
- Writer Cathal O'Searcaigh was the writer-in-residence for Force 12 Writer's Festival.
- The Bollywood Brass Band conducted a short residency prior to their performance in the Summer Music Series, working with percussion groups in the county. There were also workshops in Bollywood style dance.

Mayo Arts Squad

Established in 1997, Mayo County Council's Arts Squad has continued to provide excellent training in community arts skills for fifteen participants annually. The participants on Arts Squad come from a wide variety of backgrounds and work with groups from all communities, providing workshops, training and street theatre. In 2005, the Arts Squad worked extensively with festivals throughout the county, with community groups and with people with disabilities.

Art in Education Programme

- In 2005, the arts office carried out 20 six-week co-funded arts programmes in schools throughout the county.
- In Association with the Mayo Education Centre the Music Instruments for Children and for Post-primary Schools Schemes continued successfully in 2005, with support workshops being offered through the arts office. Over 50 schools have now availed of this resource.

Force 12

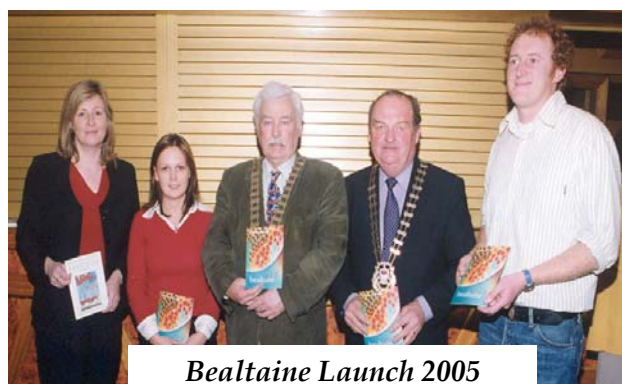


Force 12 - Artists, Writers, Arts Staff

- Annual writer's weekend was held in Belmullet, directed by Kate Newman and attended by over 60 writers. The weekend is readings by professional guest writers and also included a visual arts exhibition, dance and a number of quality musical performances. This year's writers included Ted & Annie Deppe, Betsy Scholl, Frank Galligan, Maria McManus, Ger Reidy, Joseph Woods, Nigel McLoughlin, Teresa Godfrey, Denise Blake and Heather Newcombe. Musicians included Sebastian Castagna, Bill Campbell, John Spillane, Deirdre McKay, Miguel Angel Lejarza Leo and Céide.
- The writer-in-residence programme associated with Force 12 was further developed by writer Cathal O'Searcaigh who worked in the region for five weeks giving workshops and readings in schools, libraries and care settings and working with writer's groups throughout the county.

Older Persons Arts

Bealtaine: Mayo County Council Arts Office run 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. In 2005,



Bealtaine Launch 2005

workshops included drama, dance, creative photography, music, visual arts and storytelling. The month was launched with a tea dance at which the Café Orchestra played for members of a variety of Active Retirement Groups from

around the county. Bealtaine 2005 also included film screenings, music recitals, poetry readings and a photography lecture. Events were held in seventeen towns and over 1,000 people participated. Also during Bealtaine, a special countywide **Billboard Exhibition** was held to celebrate the work of the older people in Mayo County Council's Artists Mentoring and Networking Programme.

Artists Mentoring & Networking Programme: In 2004, Mayo County Council, in partnership with Age & Opportunity, with support from the Western Health Board and The Arts Council, initiated a pilot programme in order to provide supported opportunities for artists to experience working in health-care contexts. Five visual artists worked in Westport, Achill, Ballina, Swinford and Claremorris, mentored by artist Deirdre Walsh. The programme continued successfully in 2005 and is now nationally recognised.



Furthermore, in 2005, there were three well-received exhibitions arising from this programme, in Westport Library (Mc Bride CNU), Claremorris Library & Station (D'Alton CNU) and the Linenhall (The Fairways CNU).

Public Art & Visual Art:

% for Art:

New works sited in 2005 include:

- *Ard na Rí Helicopter*, by Rory Breslin, Ard Na Rí, Ballina.
- *Parade*, by Declan Breen, Knockthomas, Castlebar
- *The Bell Peal*, by Rory Breslin, Knock.
- Four new % for Art Competitions were launched in 2005: Clare Island, Inishturk, Blacksod, N26 Ballina.

Other public art works

- *Anam na Féile*, by Tim Morris & Bernie Garvey O'Mara, Moygownagh. (funded through MCC village enhancement, LEADER and community in association with FÁS)

Mayo County Council Collection

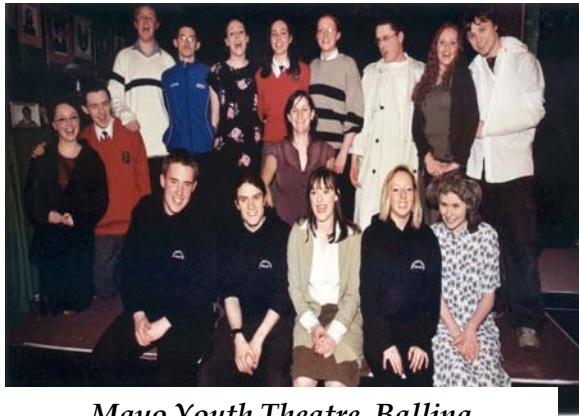
The Mayo County Council Collection was augmented by the purchase of art works by visual artists Michael Wann, Paula Henihan, Yvonne O'Sullivan and John Laurence Speight.

Exhibitions of Collection:

- *'Beyond Words'*, Mayo County Council Recent Acquisitions. Belmullet Library, June 2005 (Force 12)
- **Mayo County Council Collection**, Town Hall Arts Centre, Charlestown, May & June

- **Schools Touring exhibition**, St. Patrick's Boys National School, Castlebar (Pilot)

Theatre



*Mayo Youth Theatre, Ballina
Cast and Crew of "The Exam"*

Mayo Youth Theatre:

Established in 1999, Mayo Youth Theatre has grown considerably and, based in Castlebar and Ballina. Through the promotion and support of quality youth theatre, MYT provides access to drama for those aged 13 - 22. There are now over eighty young members countywide. The youth theatre continued to flourish in 2005 with weekly workshops in all locations, provided by skilled facilitators.

Touring Theatre:

Mayo County Council provides targeted supports to enable quality theatre to tour in Mayo. Access to theatre, especially for children, particularly in remote areas, is provided annually through the Children's Christmas theatre show, which enables over 2,000 children to see quality theatre free of charge.

Music

Summer Music Series:



An extensive series of county-wide music events which brought quality music to Westport, Castlebar, Charlestown, Ballyhaunis, Killala, Louisburgh, Ballina, Achill, Inishturk and Belmullet. All kinds of music were represented: folk, rock, traditional, world music and classical. Musicians included Pauline Scanlon, Liz & Yvonne Kane, Declan O'Rourke, Anúna, Mozaik, The Rough Deal

String Band, The Bollywood Brass Band, The Café Orchestra, Brent Parker, Iain King, Maria McGarry and the Camerata Swing Band. Attendance was excellent, with most events being full to capacity.

National Symphony Orchestra:

The Education & Outreach Programme of The National Symphony Orchestra's Residency in Mayo was supported by Mayo County Council Arts Office. In October 2005, over two thousand children had an opportunity to participate in orchestral workshops in Ballina and Castlebar.



*Excel '05 -
Castlebar Concert Orchestra
Workshop*

Dance

Mayo County Council Dance Programme:

Building on previous successes, dance was programmed in September 2005, to provide a quality dance experience for people at all levels and to provide an opportunity for dancers in Mayo to meet and exchange ideas with dancers from other areas. Fluxus Dance Company provided dance training for children, Mayo Youth Theatre, children with disabilities and dancers/ dance trainers in the county. Also this year, Chantal McCormack from Fidget Feet carried out workshops for boys in contact dance and aerial dance workshops for dancers and other interested adults.

Youth Arts Programme

The third countywide Youth Arts Programme, focusing on the needs of 13 – 20 year olds was run in November 2005. A comprehensive programme of workshops and master classes was organised to support existing groups in the county who cater for young people. Events included dance, portfolio preparation, careers in theatre & comedy, animation, music (choral, pipe bands, orchestral, guitar, percussion). There was also a film-making project for teenagers in Foxford. Youth Arts Programme events were held in Belmullet, Achill, Westport, Castlebar, Ballina, Bofield, Foxford and Crossmolina.



*Excel 05
Portfolio Preparation Talk Ballina*

*Excel 05
Want to get Stagewise, Ballina*



Documentation

The Arts Office has documented the Artist's Mentoring & Networking Programme and Force 12 Writer's Weekend on DVD in 2005.

Publication

In partnership with the Library Service, a new Poetry & Photography Anthology project was initiated in 2005. Submissions are being selected by independent experts in the relevant fields and the publication will be launched in 2006.

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
- Visual arts awards
- MCC Tyrone Guthrie Awards
- Amateur Drama Awards
- Guarantees Against Loss
- Music Recording Assistance Awards
- Music Recital Scheme
- Artists Bursaries
- Mayo County Council & Liam Walsh Artists Award

Arts Policy and Planning

Mayo County Council Strategic Arts Plan 2003 – 2006

Having received the recommendation of the Strategic Policy Committee for Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs and the approval of Mayo County Council elected members, ‘**Saibhreas an tSaoil, Mayo County Council Strategic Arts Plan 2003 – 2006**’ was published and launched in July 2003. The strategic plan identifies the aims, objectives and actions necessary to develop the arts over the coming years. This development is underpinned by a strong policy framework based on the core principles of access, inclusion and long-term value.

Networking and Partnerships

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 Events (Ballina), Custom House Studios (Westport), Feile Iorras International Folk Arts Festival (Belmullet), Ballinglen Arts Foundation (Ballycastle).

Other Partnerships

Partnerships with other agencies are crucial to continued outreach and success. The Arts Service has developed good working partnerships with: Western Care

Association, FÁS, Western Health Board, Age & Opportunity, The Arts Council, Mayo Education Centre & Schools, Sacred Heart Hospital, Community Development Projects, Údarás Na Gaeltachta, Irish Writer's Centre, Irish Music Rights Organisation, Neighbour Youth Projects.

Capital Projects

Through the upgrading of existing facilities, Arts provision across a broad geographical spread is planned, so that people throughout Mayo can avail of the growing opportunities in the area. While providing a forum for local groups to develop their skills and audiences, new facilities in Ballina and Belmullet will compliment existing venues in Castlebar, Westport, Kiltimagh, Ballinglen, Foxford, Charlestown, Achill and Balla. Furthermore, where possible, flexible spaces in which arts can be programmed will be supported.

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.

Civil Defence

Civil Defence Mission

“To support the emergency services and to provide community support by promoting, developing and maintaining Civil Defence as an effective volunteer based organisation”.

White Paper 2000

The Government in the white paper on Defence dated 29th February 2000 addressed the Civil Defence area in the context of roles and activities.

The white paper committed the Government to providing the necessary infrastructure and training to enable Civil Defence to continue to develop its capacity to respond to emergencies as a high quality second line emergency service and provide community support activities while preserving the voluntary nature and ethos of the organisation.

The Government also committed itself to providing the necessary framework for the future development of Civil Defence by modernising the legislation governing Civil Defence by means of a new Bill with additional measures to assist with recruitment of new members to the organisation. The legislation was enacted in the form of the Civil Defence Act 2002.

Following on from the legislation, a new state authority known as the Civil Defence Board was established to manage and develop Civil Defence at National level. Gerry Naylor (Mayo Civil Defence) was nominated onto the Civil Defence Board in 2005 as the national volunteer representative. John Maughan is the current chairman of the Civil Defence Officers Association and is a member of the Educational & Training Committee reviewing policy in this area for the Civil defence Organisation.

Civil Defence in Mayo in 2005

The Civil Defence organisation in Mayo has provided a wide range of emergency response and community support activities to the community in 2005. Services provided included:

- First Aid skills/ ambulance cover
- Rescue
- Search
- Welfare
- Communications
- Stewarding/ Crowd control
- Vehicle and transportation support
- Water search and recovery

Civil Defence in Mayo has delivered training courses to volunteers in all of our core activities throughout the year. In addition to training our own volunteers

we have catered for an enormous demand for Occupational first aid training from agencies, groups, clubs and individuals within the County. Occupational and Basic life Support certificates were issued to 420 individuals outside of Civil Defence in 2005.

Civil Defence also co-ordinated and delivered first aid training to County Council staff as well as establishing a Quick Action response team in Aras an Chontae to cater for emergency situations. This six member team are competent in the use of defibrillation and receive training and renewed certification every 90 days.

It is Civil Defence policy to create real opportunities for volunteers to train, compete and develop, learning new skills along the way in order to discover their self-worth and their capacity to maximise their potential within the organisation. Civil Defence delivered a balanced training programme in 2005, encompassing all of the core activities, and will continue to explore opportunities for its volunteers working within existing parameters.



All competitions, exercises and training delivered in 2005 strives towards high standards and quality of competition and event management, together with a credible system to ensure that guidelines, rules and regulations are adhered to and understood by all.

It is an objective of Mayo Civil Defence to:

1. Respond to Major Emergencies and maintenance of essential services.

- Provision of training to ensure volunteers are familiar with the Emergency management framework and response arrangements within the Local authority initially and Mayo Gardai and the Health Executive West.
- Contribute to the preparation for Emergency management within the Local Authority.
- Identification and recruitment of suitable volunteers to provide an effective and meaningful rapid response team to augment the statutory agencies for emergency planning.
- Provision of ten / fifteen volunteers within the first hour on the activation of the Emergency Plan. It is our policy to provide additional resources in the form of manpower and equipment to the crisis scene in the immediate hours thereafter.

2. Respond to National Plan for Nuclear Emergencies

- Plans will continue to be re-examined and updated on an annual basis in consultation with the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII) and the emergency planning office. Mayo has two qualified Scientific Intelligence

Officers to carry out radiation monitoring and to provide necessary readings and statistical information to the RPII in the event of being required to do so. A team of volunteers will assist in providing soil, vegetation and liquid sampling.

3. Respond to the provision of community supports

- It will be policy locally to commercialise our response to certain ‘call outs’, particularly to commercial organisations. We will continue to remain conscious of the nature and type of response required and will become more selective in assisting at events locally.

4. Assess other relevant local response plans

- The basis of Major emergency Management is to identify available resources, which can be brought to bear in a crisis situation, and to include them for mobilisation in the major Emergency Plans of all statutory agencies in the Local authority area. Civil Defence will ensure that its response capabilities are shared by these agencies to ensure greater effectiveness in responding to a crisis.

5. Put plans in place for shared training/exercises and use of resources with other Authorities and emergency response organisations.

- Civil Defence participated in multi agency training exercises to ensure a more co-ordinated response to a crisis situation.
- Mayo Civil Defence held a number of joint training and exercise workshops with all of the other voluntary agencies in Mayo. A major exercise for all Voluntaries and the health executive west was held at Claremorris railway station in September 2005.
- Civil Defence was involved in joint training activities with frontline emergency service personnel, having an appropriate role in a simulated Motor Vehicle collision outside Charlestown last autumn.

Programme 3 - Education and Training

Priority training for each of the areas of activity identified in the Draft Corporate Plan of the Board for each level of Civil Defence member was delivered throughout the year.

- Since the introduction of the “Towards 2000” programme, the organisation has taken a multi-skilled approach to the training of volunteers rather than volunteers specialising in a single disciplines.
- Civil Defence programme outputs concern the provision of suitable education and training to deal with a variety of community support and emergency situations.
- Establishment of a Health & Safety system for all members of Civil Defence based on best practice.
- Delivery of courses outside of “normal working hours” on a regional basis.
- Use of external agencies to provide additional expertise.
- To continue to provide high quality multi-discipline training programmes for all volunteers.

- To continue to deliver specialist advanced training to those volunteers who embrace the ethos and philosophy of the Civil Defence organisation.
- To maintain sufficient operational crews for Boat, Kayak and Fire pump crews.
- To develop and maintain an effective radiological monitoring team within the county.
- Accreditation of training with external agencies will be an objective in conjunction with Civil Defence Board policy.
- Provision of Induction training for all Civil Defence Officers.
- Regional training within the identified regional structure will become a vital component of a co-ordinated response to an incident or emergency.



Motor Tax

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

There are currently 3 office in operation based in the following areas:

- ❖ Glenpark, The Mall, Castlebar
- ❖ Civic Offices, Ballina
- ❖ Council Offices, Belmullet.



Motor Tax Office, Castlebar

2005 also had the Motor tax online service available to customers. This service can be used for the renewal of tax on private vehicles, motor cycles, agricultural tractors.

	2003	2004	2005	2005 Online
No. of New Registrations	4,189	4,455	5,499	
No. of Tax discs issued	93,495	91,511	90,703	15,009
No. of drivers Licences issued	18,119	14,724	14,350	
Arrears Receipts	7,695	8,099	9,829	953
CRW's	5,054	5,865	7,745	
Duplicate Registration Certs	1,199	1,183	1,236	
Miscellaneous	544	611	5,291	
Total Issues	126,106	121,993	124,071	15,962
Total Income	€19,700,256	19,928,770	20,050,995	3,232,480

Driver licence renewals peaked in 2002 and 2003 as this was the first time we saw the renewal of the 10-year licence which commenced in 1992.

The decrease in the issuing of tax disc's can be attributed partly to the introduction of the motor tax online system, but as can be seen our overall transaction figures have increased again.

The last increase in tax rates took place in January 2003.

Finance

[View Accounts Summary in Excel.](#)

Approximately 8% of Mayo County Councils 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.

Mayo County Councils Revenue Department deals with the collection of:

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

Commercial Rates

In 2005, 2,900 rate demands were issued with €9,866,003 collected. This represents a collection percentage of 97%,

Water Charges

Mayo County Council levy charges for water supplied for non-domestic purposes, such as agricultural, commercial and industrial. Large consumers are billed on a metered charge basis while fixed amount charges are levied on others.

Total amount of Water Charges collected in 2005: €2,383,808

Refuse Collection

Mayo County Council provides a wheelie bin service for the collection and disposal of refuse. The charges collected in 2005 amounted to €2,754,248.

Housing Rents

Mayo County Council has approximately 1,600 housing rent accounts. The total amount of rents collected in 2005 amounted to €2,594,795.

Housing Loans

Mayo County Council has approximately 1,540 housing loan accounts. The total amount of housing loan charges collected in 2005 amounted to €3,079,172.

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.

Prompt Payment of Accounts

The Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997, required the Council to ensure that payments are paid within 45 days of receipt of an invoice or the receipt of goods, whichever is the later. This legislation was superseded by a EU-wide law, which came into effect on 8th August 2002. This regulation provides that penalty interest will become payable if payments of commercial transactions are not met within thirty days, unless otherwise specified in a contract or agreement. The rate of penalty interest is .0281% per day.

In 2005m the Council paid 5,777 on late payments under the Act/Regulation.

Financial Management

The Council seeks to improve Financial Management by:

- On-going monitoring, management and control of the Councils financial resources.
- Ensuring value for money in all the Councils activities.
- Strengthening the role of internal audit and continually reviewing internal control procedures to ensure propriety and transparency in all the Councils 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.

General Purposes

Higher Education Grants

Third level grants continue to provide vital and essential assistance to Mayo students both inside and outside the country.

New grants awarded	403
Renewals	999
Total benefiting	1,402

Total expenditure for Higher Education Grants for 2005 was in excess of €6.02m.

Freedom of Information

The total number of requests under the Freedom of Information Act for 2005 was 33.

Training and Development

Mayo County Council is committed to Human Resource Training 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 forward looking Training 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.

The expenditure on the Training and Development of staff in 2005 exceeded €3m, which represents 6% of the payroll costs and a total of 2,908 training days.

Performance Management & Development System (PMDS)

PMDS balances performance with personal and team development and the Mayo Local Authorities have chosen to implement PMDS through the local Workplace Partnership process with support from Unions and Management. The system is a team-based system, which is based on the Council's Corporate Plan.

In May 2005, four staff members were appointed as PMDS Trainers and their main role is to implement the roll-out of PMDS to Mayo Local Authorities by 31st December 2006. This process involves provision of training to each staff member, including awareness training, Team Development Plans and Personal Development Plans.

Two pilot sites, i.e. Westport Town Council/Westport Electoral Area and Rural Water Section were selected and completed their PMDS process in 2005.

FÁS Excellence Through People Award

Mayo County Council is a recipient of the prestigious FÁS Excellence Through People Award since 1997 and has retained it since then. In July 2005, the Council secured renewal of this prestigious Award for a further two-year period, following a rigorous audit carried out by senior FÁS personnel. Mayo County Council continues to achieve the highest rating in the Local Government sector nationally.

Certificate in Local Government Studies

The following members of staff successfully completed the Certificate in Local Government Studies in 2005 :-

Victor Connolly / Judith Morley / Olivia Feeney / Nicola Reilly /
Johanna Burke / Sarah Irwin / Karen Ruane / Valerie Horkan / Orla Casey/
Paula Geraghty / Sharon Cameron / Bernadette Burke / Aileen McAndrew /
Grainne Roughneen / Laura Heneghan / Therese Heneghan / Mary Murphy /
Padraig Higgins / Declan Ginnelly / Denise Ginty / Geraldine Joyce.

NUI Diploma in Local Government Studies

The following members of staff successfully completed the NUI Diploma in Local Government Studies in 2005 :-

Dympna Maloney / Michael Rouse / Maureen Garvey / Christina Lynch /
Eileen Weir / Clodagh Gleeson / Rosemary Doyle / Michael Heneghan /
Mary Walsh / Assumpta Skeffington / Padraic Glynn / Teresa Melia /
Gary Smyth / Joan Lydon / Julia Joyce / Paula O'Mahony /
Sean Langan / Olga O'Connor / Ann Marie Moran / Helen Fadian /
Helen O'Toole / Noel Gibbons / Ramona Lavelle.

Third Level Courses Completed by Staff Members in 2005.

Leadership in Local Government

Ann Moore

Diploma in Finance

Christina Murray
Therese O'Malley

Higher Diploma in Public Management

Patricia Donnelly

Degree Course in HR Management

Mary Conway (Childcare Committee)

Sign Language Course

Sue Zajac

MA in Adult Learning and Development
Yvonne Geraghty



Yvonne Geraghty recently graduated from National University Ireland, Galway, with a 1st class Honours, Masters Degree in Adult Learning and Development.

O2 Ability Award

In 2005, Mayo County Council received an O² Ability Award for the following areas of best practice:

- Leadership,
- Learning, Development and Progression

Mayo County Council is all about people and service provision, with a focus on quality of life, inclusiveness for all, and doing things in a Partnership spirit. Through the leadership of Elected Representatives, the voice of local communities is heard.

The O² Ability Award recognises companies that embrace people of all differing abilities and acknowledge the enormous contribution that people with disabilities make to the Irish business world.



*Presentation of the O² Ability Award
Caroline Casey, Founding CEO, The Aisling Foundation and O² Ability Awards
Henry Kenny, Cathaoirleach, Mayo County Council
Frank Fahey T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
Danuta Gray, CEO, O² Ireland*

Local Workplace Partnership Committee

Workplace Partnership is now firmly embedded in Mayo Local Authorities, and is seen more and more as the way we do our business. Partnership provides a forum and point of contact for management, staff, and trade unions. This has resulted in better understanding and communications which in turn gives us the base for consensus decision-making and the ability to charter the way forward together.

This evidence of a continually strengthening Partnership Process will ensure that all future change and modernisation across our Authorities will be achieved on an agreed and consensus basis. This is in line with the plans and aspirations of the Workplace Partnership Committee and in keeping with our Authorities commitments and obligations under the Social Partnership Agreement 2003-2005.

A Workplace Partnership Action Plan for 2006 has been adopted by the Partnership Committee, with a priority to fully implement the joint Management and Union protocol 'Handling Significant Change Through Partnership'.

Twinnings

During 2005, discussions were held with the Mayor of Municipalidad De Almirante Brown Armada Argentina, with a view to a Twinning between that

Municipalidad and Mayo County Council. In 2005, €3,888.34 was spent on Twinning activities.

Entertainment and Associated Expenses

During 2005, Mayo County Council incurred expenditure of €2,532.70, under Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2001.

List of Conferences Attended in 2005

Meeting	Venue		Date From	Date To
Intensive course on planning law	Gresham hotel	Dublin	13/01/2005	14/01/2005
"Agrivision 2015"	Duhallow Park Hotel	Kanturk, Co. Cork	20/01/2005	22/01/2005
"Public Relations and the Elected Representative"	The Galway Bay Hotel	Salthill, Galway	26/01/2005	27/01/2005
Tourism Conference - "A Theatre of Tourism"	Dunadry Hotel & Country Club	Muckamore, Dunadry, County Antrim	28/01/2005	29/01/2005
Media Skills Seminar for Councillors	Welcome Inn Hotel	Castlebar	29/01/2005	29/01/2005
"Implementing the National Spatial Strategy - The Role of the Regional Authorities"	Temple Gate Hotel	Ennis, Co. Clare	03/02/2005	04/02/2005
"The Local Government Planning Service"	Clonea Strand Hotel	Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	04/02/2005	05/02/2005

"The Economic & Social Benefit of Heritage Development in Irish towns	Listowel Arms Hotel	Listowel, Co. Kerry	17/02/2005	18/02/2005
Conference on Suicide-Prevention & Awareness	Abbey Manor Hotel	Dromahair, Co. Leitrim	18/02/2005	19/02/2005
Carlow Tourism National Conference	Seven Oaks Hotel	Carlow	24/02/2005	25/02/2005
Colmcille Winter School Conference - "The European Union Constitution"	Colmcille Heritage Centre	Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	25/02/2005	27/02/2005
General Council of County Councils Annual Conference 2005	Marriott Johnstown House Hotel	Enfield, Co. Meath	03/03/2005	05/03/2005
Annual Environmental Conference	The Golf Hotel	Ballybunion, Co. Kerry	03/03/2005	06/03/2005
Local Authority Members Association	Rochestown Park Hotel	Rochestown, Cork	31/03/2005	01/04/2005
"Meeting the Challenges of Economic & Tourism Development in Rural Ireland"	The Westlodge Hotel	Bantry, Co. Cork	14/04/2005	15/04/2005
Environmental Conference	Carrigaline Court Hotel,	Carrigaline, Co. Cork.	20/04/2005	22/04/2005

"The Role of Public Representatives in Promoting Political Awareness in Schools"	Duhallow Park Hotel	Kanturk, Co. Cork	21/04/2005	24/04/2005
Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference	The Golf Hotel	Ballybunion, Co. Kerry	04/05/2005	07/05/2005
BMW Regional Assembly Conference	The Tullamore Court Hotel	Tullamore	05/05/2005	05/05/2005
"Council and Community - the challenge ahead"	Hotel Westport	Westport	19/05/2005	20/05/2005
Media Skills Seminar for Councillors	Arklow Bay Hotel	Arklow, Co. Wicklow.	21/05/2005	21/05/2005
"Rural & Local Development - Issues, Challenges & Priorities	Earl of Desmond Hotel	Tralee, Co. Kerry	26/05/2005	26/05/2005
Investment Through People - People Through Investment	Bush Hotel	Carrick on Shannon	16/06/2005	16/06/2005
Folk & Farm - Agricultural History Society of Ireland	Turlough Park House	Turlough, Castlebar	17/06/2005	19/06/2005
Summer Seminar 2005 - "The Potential for Sport in Modern Ireland"	The Mullingar Park Hotel	Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	23/06/2005	24/06/2005

Parnell Summer School 2005	Avondale	Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow	14/08/2005	19/08/2005
General Humbert - Michael Davitt summer school	Mayo area		23/08/2005	28/08/2005
IRDA conference - "Rural Housing - a rural right"	Kilkee Bay Hotel	Kilkee, Co. Clare	31/08/2005	01/09/2005
Intensive Course on Planning Law	The Davenport Hotel,	Dublin.	08/09/2005	09/09/2005
The Role of Local Authorities in the Promotion of Public Order	Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel	Greystones, Co. Wicklow	30/09/2005	02/10/2005
Planning Conference	Bay View Hotel	Killybegs, Co. Donegal	05/10/2005	07/10/2005
Spiritual & Ethical Issues of Suicide	Armagh City Hotel	Armagh	05/10/2005	07/10/2005
Getting a Grip 2005 "Counting the Cost"	Hotel Europe	Killarney	06/10/2005	07/10/2005
Realising the Potential of Our Regions	The Dolmen Hotel	Carlow	07/10/2005	07/10/2005
Fourth Annual Freedom of Information Conference	Trinity College	Dublin	15/10/2005	15/10/2005
"Reform of Local Government Financing : Value for Money and Effectiveness"	Mount Wolseley Hilton Hotel	Tullow, Co. Carlow	21/10/2005	21/10/2005

Conference of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committees	Great Northern Hotel	Bundoran	27/10/2005	27/10/2005
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Conference	Bundoran	Co. Donegal	27/10/2005	27/10/2005
Local Authority Members Association Annual Winter Seminar	Mount Errigal Hotel	Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	04/11/2005	05/11/2005
Community Safety Conference	The Fairways Hotel	Dundalk, Co. Louth	10/11/2005	12/11/2005
Local Economic Development Conference 2005 - "Owning and Shaping your Future Prosperity"	The Radisson SAS hotel	Limerick	24/11/2005	24/11/2005
National Tourism Conference	Falls Hotel	Ennistymon, Co. Clare	25/11/2005	26/11/2005
National Conference - "Partnerships for Reducing Youth Suicide"	Ormonde Hotel	Kilkenny	07/12/2005	09/12/2005
Training Seminar for Councillors "The local Government Budget"	Carlton Millrace Hotel	Bunclody, Co. Wexford	10/12/2005	10/12/2005



Student, Jennifer Murray, being presented with Award for Academic Achievement in the BA in Heritage Studies Honours Degree, sponsored by Mayo County Council

Human Resources

Family Friendly Workplace

Mayo County Council promotes a Family Friendly Workplace by offering the following family friendly schemes:

- Parental Leave
- Force Majeure Leave
- Work-Sharing
- Paternity Leave
- Career Breaks
- Maternity Leave
- Adoptive Leave
- Flexitime
- Term Time
- Carers Leave
- Study/Exam Leave

List of Mayo County Council Staff who retired in 2005

Seamus Cafferkey, Castlehill, Ballycroy
Michael Devane, Leface, Ballindine
Stephen Fitzgerald, Ballinamore, Kiltimagh
John Staunton, Carrowbaun, Westport
Peter McDonnell, Cultrain, Westport
James Browne, Dringarive, Carraholly, Westport
Paddy Burke, Creevagh, Ballyheane, Castlebar
Noel Mannion, Balla, Castlebar
Seán Munnely, 50 McCormack Estate, Castlebar

Promotions in 2005

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	FROM	TO
Sean	Higgins	Assistant Engineer	Executive Engineer
Darina	Molloy	P/t Branch Librarian	Library Assistant
Paula	Leavy-McCarthy	P/t Branch Librarian	Library Assistant
Christina	Murray	Clerical Officer	Assistant Staff Officer
Joan	Walsh	Graduate Planner	Assistant Planner
Jackie	Denning	Clerical Officer	Assistant Staff Officer

Equality Action Team

The Equality Action Team in Mayo County Council is there to promote equality issues generally within the organisation. The team is made up of the following people:

Muredach Tuffy, Senior Executive Technician ;
Susan Mannion, Museum Curator, Ballina
Yvonne Geraghty, Clerical Officer, Corporate Affairs
Eileen Cavanagh, Environmental Technican Grade 1
Sean Brady,, Assistant Emergency Communications Officer, Camp West
Tony Mc Hale, Clerical Officer, Motor Tax
Mary Mc Hugh, Personnel Officer
John Mc Hale, Partnership Facilitator
John Maughan, Civil Defence Officer
Pauline Briody, Clerical Officer, Personnel Department
Declan Turnbull, CEDO,
Joe Loftus - Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Martina Walsh, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs
Martina Hughes, Equality Officer

Register of Electors

Requirements for Registration

- 18 years of age on or before 15th February each year.
- Resident at the address of registration on 1st September the year before.

Timetable

DATE	PURPOSE
1 st November	Publication of Draft Register
25 th November	Last date for receipt of claims, i.e. additions to or deletions from Draft Register
30 th November	Publication of List of Claims
December	Adjudication of claims by County Registrar at Revision /Claim Court Hearings
23 rd December	Completion of endorsement of List of Claims by Co. Registrar
1 st February	Publication of Live Current Register of Electors
15 th February	Coming into force of Register

The following letters denote the citizenship of an Elector:

- (D) British Citizen - May vote at Dail, European & Local Elections only.
- (E) European Citizen - May vote at European & Local Elections only.
- (L) Non-EU Citizen - May vote at Local Elections only.
- (S) Special & Postal Voter

Only Irish citizens may vote at a Presidential Election or a Referendum

Special Voters

Special Voters are electors who are resident at nursing homes, hospitals or other institutions and who are unable to attend at polling station.

A Special Presiding Officer, accompanied by a Garda attends at nursing home, etc. approx. 2 weeks before an Election or Referendum and issues each Special Voter with a Ballot Paper. These are returned to the Returning Officer for counting post Election Day.

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 25th November

Postal Voters

The different categories are:-

DEFENCE FORCES - Closing Date: 25th November

GARDA SIOCHANA - Closing Date: 25th November

FOREIGN DIPLOMATS - Closing Date: 30th September

DISABLED (Persons living in their own homes) Closing Date: 25th November
CIRCUMSTANCES OF OCCUPATION / EDUCATION
(e.g. Sales Reps/Students in ROI only) Closing Date: 25th November

Register of Electors/Edited Register 2005/2006

1.	Dáil Constituency	Presidential Electors	Dáil Electors
	Mayo	98,066	99,627

2.	European Parliament Constituency	European Electors	Potential European Electors
	North-West	99,780	243

3.	Local Electoral Areas	Local Government Electors
	Ballina	19,472
	Ballinrobe	9,528
	Belmullet	12,300
	Castlebar	22,247
	Claremorris	12,165
	Swinford	12,504
	Westport	12,333
	Total	100,549

4.	Borough or Town Council	Local Government Electors
	Ballina Town Council	7,544
	Castlebar Town Council	9,608
	Westport Town Council	3,649
	Total	20,801

Postal Voters						Special Voters
Dáil Constituency	<i>Gardaí</i>	Defence Forces	<i>Diplomats</i>	Physically Disabled	Occupation etc.	Special Voters
Mayo	3	112	4	128	17	237

Since, November 2004, the Edited Register of Electors exists. The following are the statistics for the Edited Register, 2005/2006:-

Edited Register				
Dáil Constituency	Presidential Electors	Dáil Electors	European Electors	Local Electors
MAYO	952	1,108	1,024	1,162

Postal Voters on Edited Register						Special Voters on Edited Register
Dáil Constituency	<i>Gardaí</i>	Defence Forces	<i>Diplomats</i>	Physically Disabled	Occupation etc.	Special Voters
MAYO	0	2	0	1	2	0

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Overview

Information Communication Technology (ICT) assists and supports management and staff in their role as deliverers and managers of the varied services and helps them achieve the corporate objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan. The IT Section provides and manages the ICT infrastructure that allows all regional offices, including Town Councils, Libraries, Fire Service etc. to communicate and share data in a secure and safe environment. Our objective is to e-enable as many of our services as possible so that customers can avail of them on a 24/ 7 basis. This process increases in importance each year as more and more people begin to use new technology and as broadband become more available and affordable. We also provide ICT consultancy support and advice in the provision of new projects. The IT Team Structure allows for the creation and implementation of new and revised software systems to improve business processes and productivity and for the support of the Councils websites.

Staffing and Training

Mayo County Council recognises the important resource a well-trained staff structure is to the delivery of efficient and effective services. By the end of 2004, 13 staff members had become Microsoft Certified Systems Administrators (MCSAs) almost the entire IT Section. In 2005, two members of the Web Team became Microsoft Certified Application Developers (MCAD).

The Section is organised into five teams to better focus on the diverse services that IT delivers, namely: *Geographical Information Services, Network Support, Systems Development, Web Development and Special Projects* (charged with implementing new technologies and business processes into the Council).

Infrastructure

In 2005, the IT Section tendered to replace its previous network of leased lines with a secure, point-to-point wireless LAN solution. This will dramatically increase communication speeds between Council offices and will allow additional services to the regions. It will also dramatically improve the availability of on-line services to our customers at locations suitable to them. All offices will have a connection speed of 54Mbps which will enable the outside connection to the internet to be increased in 2006, improving the speed of the Council's websites and the speed of public access to the internet in the libraries.

In 2005, we were involved in bringing to fruition the approval of a further three Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) schemes for the towns of Claremorris, Ballinrobe and Knock Airport. These will allow third part providers to offer high-speed internet connections to more people and businesses thus creating more competition which in the long term will have huge economic benefits for these towns and their regions.

MoBhaile

Mayo County Council was selected as one of the three main pilot sites for the MoBhaile project. MoBhaile is being implemented in three phases:

- 1) websites for Community and Voluntary Groups;
- 2) websites for the small business community and
- 3) a virtual one-stop-shop/portal where the public will be able to search for information and events about businesses, community groups, local government, national government, major service providers and semi-state bodies in a map-based environment.

In 2005, there were sixty community groups trained and are maintaining their own websites. This will dramatically increase in 2006 with the appointment of a trainer to the project.



Websites

The main Mayo County Council website (www.mayococo.ie) receives more than 30,000 visitors each month. The website's most popular feature allows users to view planning application information online. Scanned versions of planning documents are available online to the public and in early 2006, interactive outline maps of planning permissions will be added. In late 2003, the website began accepting online payments for Dog and Litter Fines as a pilot of the ePayment technology and this will be extended to include most services.

It is our intention that all interaction with the public currently delivered by Mayo County Council will also, but not exclusively, be available online. All application forms are now available online and can be printed locally.

The Intranet has allowed Council staff to improve their internal communications and will provide a single access point for most of the Councils software in the future. This has already resulted in productivity gains. A major rebuild of the current intranet took place in 2005. A Councillor Extranet was launched in 2005 which allows for the conduct of a number of elected member related functions to take place paperlessly. Initially, the Extranet will make online versions of meeting Agendas, Minutes, key documents, reports, etc. available to the members online with more services to be added going forward. In the future, it is envisioned that representations and Councillor queries will take place via the Extranet.

In 2005, the IT Section purchased the Terminal Four Content Management software (CMS) which will be deployed early 2006. This CMS will improve the ability of staff to keep the websites up-to-date, to ensure the highest Accessibility standards are maintained and will enable each Section to post its own content.

Other websites maintained by the Web team include: the Mayo Library Service (built by the Library Staff and the IT Section at www.mayolibrary.ie), the County Development Board (www.mayocdb.ie), Connacht Waste (www.connachtwaste.ie), Mayo Energy Agency (www.mayoenergy.ie), Westport Town Council (www.wesporttc.ie), Castlebar Town Council (www.castlebartc.ie), Mayo Civil Defence (www.mayocivildefence.ie/) and the Mayo Local Authorities Partnership.

Desktop Publishing

The IT Section continues to be an active participant in the dissemination of information to both Council employees and the people of Mayo. The Staff newsletter, *Mayo Matters*, was designed by the IT Section, which also contributed a large number of articles to the publication. This in-house work resulted in a substantial savings to the Council. The Annual Report has been published exclusively in CD/web-based formats since 2002. This initiative results in substantial annual savings for the Council. The Corporate Plan was published in this manner in 2005.

The IT Section has also supported other departments in making key documents available on the Councils websites. These have included the Budget Estimates, the County Development Plan, etc. This allows for all citizens and interested parties to have instant access to this information instead of having to either order or visit a Council office to view copies of these key documents.

People of the Year Awards

The IT Section is proud to be part of Mayo County Council's sponsorship of the Rehab People of the Year Awards. Since 2004, the IT Section each year films the award winners and creates short videos which are shown on the night of the award ceremony. All video shooting, editing and DVD duplication is done in-house. The IT Section works in close partnership with the County Development Board to make these videos happen.

Ongoing Cost Savings

The IT Section has been responsible for a number of initiatives, which have resulted in significant savings to Mayo County Council. These have included:

- Ongoing use of eTenders: 200,000 annual savings
- Annual Report Publishing: 20,000 savings each year
- Voice Over IP Phones: 60,000 annual savings.
- Councillor Extranet: 10,000 annual savings (estimated)
- Moving Councillor Email Support in-house: €15,000 annual savings
- Online Planning Application System: 6000 staff hours per year saved (estimated)
- Intranet: 5000+ staff hours per year saved

In addition, the IT Section has assisted in improving processes to save substantial amounts of staff time and to support the devolution of services to the electoral area offices.



Strategic Policy Committees

A central theme of Better Local Government- a Programme for Change is enhancing the policy role of the Elected Members. That document envisaged that the creation of Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's) could achieve same.

Each SPC comprises of elected Councillors and 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 it's 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.

Cultural, Education, Heritage & Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee



Cllr. Paddy McGuinness

Under the Chairmanship of Cllr Paddy McGuinness and the Directorship of Mr Joe Loftus, the Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committee met 7 times during 2005.

During 2005, a number of issues were considered by the SPC members, including the Draft Mayo County Library Development Plan 2006-2010, Draft Heritage Plan, Draft Customer Care Charter, Training Programme for SPC members.

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

The Housing Strategic Policy Committee, under the Chairmanship of Cllr John Cribben, met on 6 occasions during the course of 2005. The Housing SPC dealt with a number of important policy areas, including Policy on the Scheme of Letting Priorities, the adoption of a Local Authority Tenant Handbook, the Review of the Essential Repairs Grant and the Disabled Persons Grant Schemes, the naming of Housing Developments, Housing Action Plan 2004-2008, and the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2004 – 2008. The Committee held two meetings out of Castlebar and followed those meetings with inspections of housing developments at the former DH Burke site at Upper Main Street, Ballyhaunis, and the recently completed mixed tenure development at Cluain Na Ri, Ballina.



Cllr. John Cribben

The Committee commenced work on a draft Policy on Anti-Social Behaviour, which it proposes to have developed and ready for submission to the Council by July/September 2006. It has also debated a number of topics, which will be

tackled in the coming year, including sustainable design, affordable housing, land bank acquisition and further development of the Council's Part V policies.

Environmental Policy and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee



Cllr. Johnnie O Malley

During 2005, 5 meetings of the Environmental Policy and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee were held under the Directorship of Mr. Ray Norton. The Chairman of the Committee was Cllr. Johnnie O'Malley.

As required by the Water Framework Directive, Cllr. J. O' Malley was appointed as a representative of Mayo County Council on the Western River Basin Advisory Council. A detailed presentation was given to the members by The Western River Basin Project Team on the Western River Basin Management Programme.

A Draft review of the Connaught Waste Management Plan was put on display in November 2005. The members were given a presentation on the draft Plan by the Consultants, RPS Consulting Engineers.

Presentations were also given by in-house staff on the following: -

- Environmental Awareness
- Environmental Enforcement
- Emergency Services.

Water Supply and Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee

During 2005, 4 meetings of the Water Supply & Sewerage Strategic Policy Committee were held, under the Directorship of Mr Seamus Granahan. The Chairman of the Committee was Cllr. Annie May Reape.



Cllr. Annie May Reape

Main Areas of progress and development which were considered during 2005 were:- Adoption of Policy/Procedure Document on Group Water Schemes Water Metering, Water Conservation.

Other items discussed were:- Polluter Pays Principle, Take-over of Sanitary Function from the 3 Town Councils by Mayo County Council, Assessment of Needs (2007 - 2017) Water Services.

Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee



Cllr. Johnny Mee

During 2005, 5 meetings of the Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee were held, under the Directorship of Mr Joe Loftus and under the Chairmanship of Cllr Johnny Mee. Issues considered throughout the year included: -

- Industrial Location
- Maximising National Spatial Strategy
- Renewable Energy
- Forward Planning
- Broadband
- Tourism

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

The Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee met **4** times during 2005.

Matters considered by the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee during 2005 included: -

- Rural Transport Initiative
- Road Safety
- National & Non-National Roads Programme
- Piers & Harbours Programme
- Freight Services/Rail Services
- Speed Limits
- Local Improvement Scheme Policy



Cllr Michelle Mulherin

Service Indicators

The following are the returns for Mayo Local Authorities for the year ending December 2005:

A & C.: Arts and Cultural Services		
A & C.1 Arts Grants		
Number of grants paid	99	Spent by MCC on Arts (exc. Capital and % for art) 2005 = €706,740. SIs account for only 31.5% of MCC Arts budget (exc. Capital & public art)
Total value of arts grant paid per 1,000 population	1805	

CP: Community Participation and Co-operation – Your Local Authority		
CP.1 Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg scheme		
	50	

C: Corporate Issues		
C.1 Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through		
- certified leave	2.755	
- uncertified leave	0.444	
C.2 Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs		
	6	

E. Environmental Services		
Water		
E.1 Percentage of river channel which is		
(a) Unpolluted		The 2004 service indicator report reported on the basis of River Basin Districts, with the data imported directly from the EPA report for the period 2001 – 2003. Pending the publication of the next 3 year report by the EPA, the statistics used for the 2004 service indicator report will be used for the 2005 report.
(b) Slight polluted		The 2004 service indicator report reported on the basis of River Basin Districts, with the data imported directly from the EPA report for the period 2001 – 2003. Pending the publication of the next 3 year report by the EPA, the statistics used for the 2004 service indicator report will be used for the 2005 report.

(c) Moderately polluted		The 2004 service indicator report reported on the basis of River Basin Districts, with the data imported directly from the EPA report for the period 2001 – 2003. Pending the publication of the next 3 year report by the EPA, the statistics used for the 2004 service indicator report will be used for the 2005 report.
(d) Seriously polluted		The 2004 service indicator report reported on the basis of River Basin Districts, with the data imported directly from the EPA report for the period 2001 – 2003. Pending the publication of the next 3 year report by the EPA, the statistics used for the 2004 service indicator report will be used for the 2005 report.
E.2 Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to		
- public schemes	97.95	The EPA report on Drinking Water Quality for 2004 was published in December 2005. The data in that report will provide the basis for the drinking water data to be included in the Service Indicator Report for 2005
- private schemes (where appropriate)	90.77	The EPA report on Drinking Water Quality for 2004 was published in December 2005. The data in that report will provide the basis for the drinking water data to be included in the Service Indicator Report for 2005
Fire Service		
E.3 Average time, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in		
- full time stations	0	
- part time stations (retained fire service)	5.42	Based on fire only incidents for year ended 31/12/05
E.4 Percentage of attendance at scenes where		
- first attendance is at scene within 10 minutes	48.71	Based on fire only incidents types for year ended 31/12/05
- first attendance is at scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	36.94	
- first attendance is at scene after 20 minutes	14.35	
E.5 Fire prevention – Total number of fire safety certificate applications		
- received	321	
- processed	276	
Waste Management		
E.6 Percentage of households provided with segregated waste collection		
	0	MCC does not provide a segregated waste collection service. However, 15.08% of households are provided with a recycling service by private collectors in Mayo
E.7 Household waste collected with is sent for recycling		

- tonnage	2142	
- percentage of household waste collected	5.84	
E.8 Household waste collected which is sent to landfill		
- tonnage	34525	
- percentage of household waste collected	94.16	
E.9 Recycling facilities		
<i>Glass</i>		
Number of Bring Sites	87	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	2	
Total Number of Facilities	89	
Number of locations per 5,000 of population	3.8	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of populations	73.97	
<i>Cans</i>		
Number of Bring Sites	87	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	2	
Total Number of Facilities	89	
Number of locations per 5,000 of population	3.8	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of populations	3.26	
<i>Textiles</i>		
Number of Bring Sites	1	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	2	
Total Number of Facilities	3	
Number of locations per 5,000 of population	0.13	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of populations	4.48	
<i>Batteries</i>		
Number of Bring Sites	0	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	2	
Total Number of Facilities	2	
Number of locations per 5,000 of population	0.085	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of populations	2.07	
<i>Oils</i>		
Number of Bring Sites	0	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	2	
Total Number of Facilities	2	
Number of locations per 5,000 of population	0.085	

Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of populations	0.51	
Others		
Number of Bring Sites	0	
Number of Civic Amenity Sites	2	
Total Number of Facilities	2	
Number of locations per 5,000 of population	0.085	
Tonnage of waste collected for recycling per 5,000 of populations	112.17	
Litter Prevention and Environmental Enforcement		
E.10 Litter – Number of Litter Wardens		
Total number of full-time litter wardens	2	
Total number of part-time litter wardens	7	
Number of litter wardens (both full and part-time) per 5,000 populations	0.38	
Number of on-the-spot fines	395	
Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	15	
Number of prosecutions secured	4	
Percentage of areas with the local authority that are		
- unpolluted (i.e. litter free)	0	
- slightly polluted with litter	20	
- moderately polluted with litter	74	
- significantly polluted with litter	6	
- grossly polluted with litter	0	
E.11 Environmental Complaints and Enforcement		
- total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	1260	
- number of complaints investigated	1254	
- number of enforcement procedures taken	50	
E.12 Percentage of Schools participating in environmental campaigns		
- primary schools	43	
- secondary schools	57	

H. Housing

H.1 Housing Vacancies

Total number of dwellings in local authority stock	2067	
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Overall % of dwellings that are let	95	
Overall % of dwellings that are empty	5	
% of empty dwellings subject to major refurbishment schemes	13	
% of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	48	
% of empty dwellings available for letting	52	
H.2 Average time taken to relet dwellings available for letting (in weeks)		
	8	
H.3 Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repairs requests received		
	86.7	
H.4 Average time taken to inform applicants of local authority's decision on applications for:		
- the shared ownership scheme (in days)	24.1	Once an applications for housing is made, an assessment is carried out either in the office or at their residence
- housing loan schemes (in days)	13.2	
- local authority housing (in days)	31.6	
H.5 Traveller Accommodation		
Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set out in the local traveller accommodation programme	72.41	

L: Library Services		
L.1 Public opening hours		
- average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	38	
- average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	20	
L.2 Number of registered library members as a percentage of the local population		
	17.4	Change in figures resulting from clarification in methodology issued by DOEHLG
L.3 Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for		
(a) Books	3.99	Books issues to schools excluded as per DOEHLG instruction
(b) Other items	0.14	
L.4 Percentage of libraries that offer Internet access to the public		
	94.10	
L.5 Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population		
	520	

M. Motor Taxation		
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M.1		
<i>Number of motor tax transactions which</i>		
- are dealt with over the counter	76495	
- are dealt with by post	33229	
- are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	15009	Supplied by VRU, entered by LGCSB
<i>Percentage of motor tax transactions are</i>		
- are dealt with over the counter	61.33	
- are dealt with by post	26.64	
- are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	12.03	
M.2		
<i>Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of application</i>		
(a) On the same day	9452	
(b) On the third day or less	8385	
(c) On the fifth day or less	3441	
(d) Over 5 days	11951	
<i>% of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of application</i>		
(a) On the same day	28.45	
(b) On the third day or less	25.23	
(c) On the fifth day or less	10.35	
(d) Over 5 days	35.97	
M.3 Public opening hours		
- average number of opening hours per week	21.15	In addition to Castlebar, motor tax is also available for the same hours in Ballina and Belmullet offices

P. Planning and Building Control		
P.1 Planning Applications – Decision Making		
<i>Individual Houses</i>		
No. of applications decided	1920	
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	644	
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	1181	
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	81	
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	71	
% of grants	85	

% of refusals	15	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	65	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	35	
<i>New Housing Development</i>		
No. of applications decided	221	
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	62	
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	143	
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	17	
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	74	
% of grants	87	
% of refusals	13	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	75	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	25	
<i>Other: Not requiring EIA</i>		
No. of applications decided	1000	
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	631	
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	346	
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	18	
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	69	
% of grants	97	
% of refusals	3	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	78	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	22	

<i>Other: requiring EIA</i>		
No. of applications decided	13	
No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	5	
No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	6	
No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	2	
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	73	
% of grants	58	
% of refusals	42	
% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	75	
% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	25	
P.2 Planning Enforcement		
- total number of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	218	
- total number of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	12	
- total number of cases subject to complaints that are resolved through negotiations	4	
- number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	69	
- number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	26	
- number of prosecutions	0	5 cases referred to Council solicitor in 2005. 16 cases in total with solicitor at end of 2005.
P.3 Public opening hours		
- average number of opening hours per week	35	In addition, an extra half day each week, in each of the 7 electoral area, is available to the general public
P.4 Consultations		
Number of pre-planning consultations meetings held	452	See note below
Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	0	Pre-planning clinics held every Wednesday in each of the 7 electoral areas. No appointment necessary. The public are dealt with on a first come first served basis. A number of informal pre-planning meetings take place over the phone.

P.5 Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority		
	20.35	

Rec: Recreational Services		
Rec.1 Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population		
- directly provided by the local authority	0.05	
- facilitated by the local authority	0.01	
Rec.2 Number of Visitors to local authority facilitated swimming facilities per 1,000 population		
	2,500.68	

Rev: Revenue Collection		
Rev. 1 House Rent		
(a) Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	74	
(b) Percentage of arrears		
(i) 4-6 weeks old	2.72	This figure omits arrears for 0-3 wks of 3.29%
(ii) 6-12 weeks old	3.66	
(iii) more than 12 weeks old	90.38	
Rev. 2 Housing Loans		
(a) Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	74.01	
(b) Percentage of arrears		
(i) 1 month old	1.42	
(ii) 2-3 months old	4.69	
(iii) more than 3 months old	93.89	
Rev. 3 Commercial Rates		
Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due	95	
Rev. 4 Refuse Charges		
Percentage of households paying refuse charges at year end	92	
Rev. 5 Non-Domestic Water Charges		
Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	72.91	

R: Roads		
R.1		
Local and Regional roads surface dressed per annum (square meters)	814509	
Percentage of local and regional roads surface dressed per annum	3.9	The variation between 04 and 05 has resulted from the increased cost of binder and labour costs

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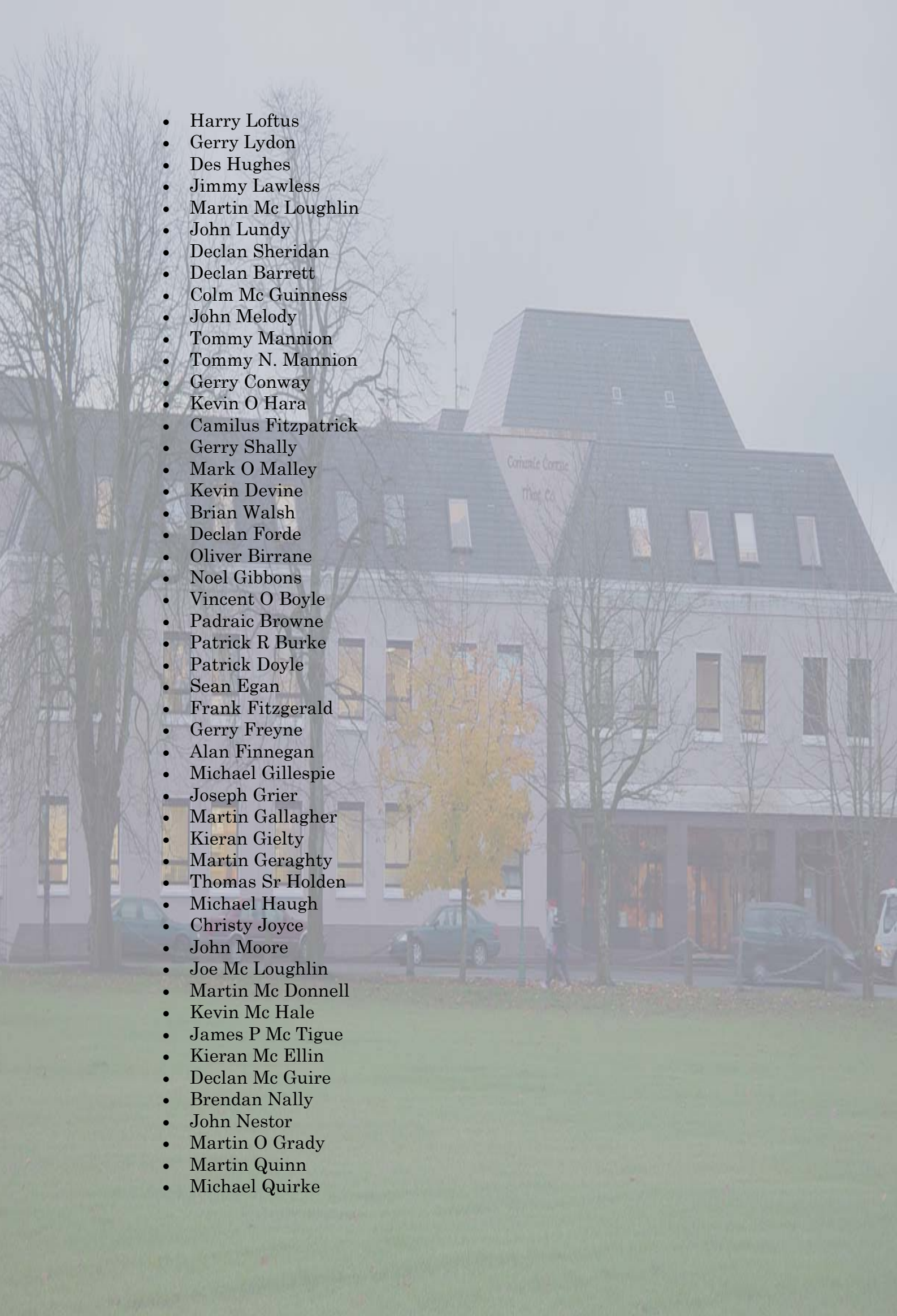
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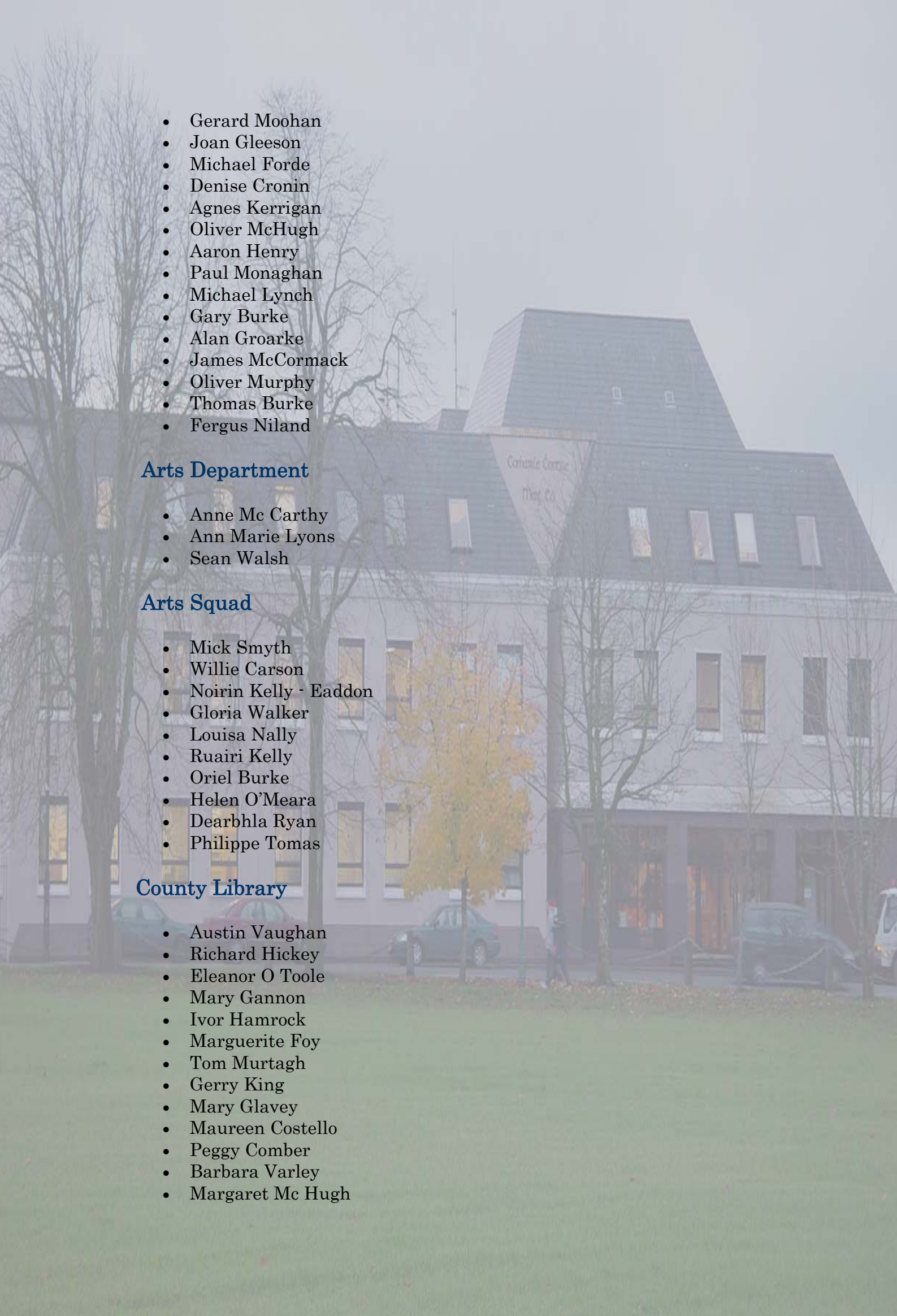
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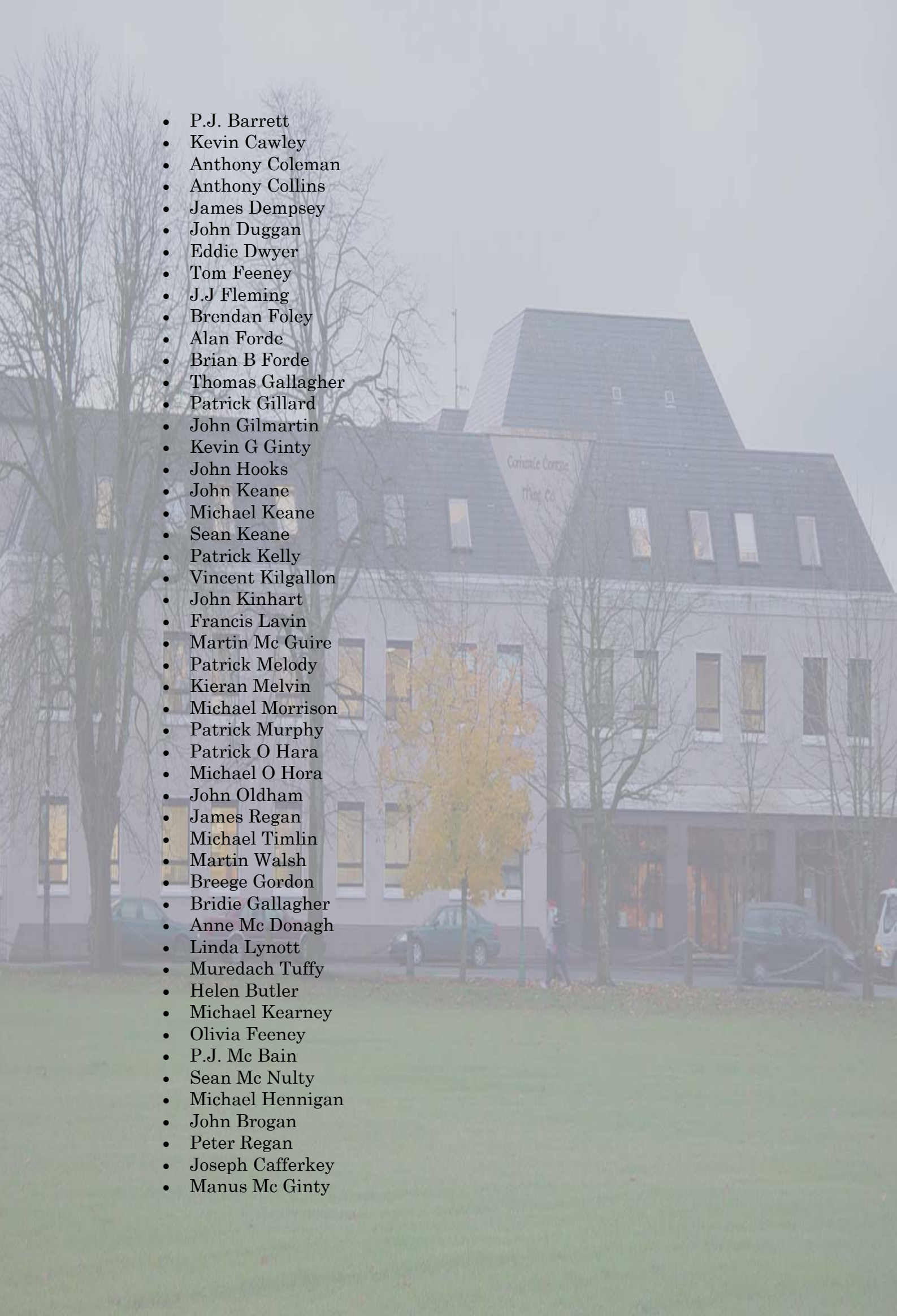
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