

Month Year

Highlights

Include highlights:

Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



As the members will be aware Ministers Burke, Noonan and Chambers have recently visited the county and Mayo County Council had the opportunity to demonstrate completed projects such as the WWTP facility at Killala, our housing development in Swinford and the facilities at Lough Lannagh. We were also able to outline our plans for developments such as Castlebar historic core, Castlebar Military Barracks and Moorehall. We had the opportunity to engage with Minister Burke on a number of issues which could impact on the finances of Mayo County Council in the years ahead.

Finances.

Mayo County Council received financial support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for additional costs incurred, and loss of income as a result of Covid 19 for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial outturn figures at Appendix A are prepared on the assumption that such support will be forthcoming for the current year. An amount of €2.84 million has been included in income under Division H Miscellaneous services in respect of this support.

In response to the onset of COVID 19, the Council's rates waiver scheme had been extended for the first three quarters of 2021 whereby the Council have waived nine months of the 2021 commercial rate liability for qualifying rate payers. The Council can recoup the cost of this waiver directly from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is estimated that c2,350 ratepayers will benefit from this Waiver scheme with €8.8million of rates waived for the three quarters of 2021

Dates to Note

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Roads

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

Tender Documents issued for N17/R320 Junction project at Lisduff Claremorris with the aim to commence on site in Q4 2021.

N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass Phase 1 to progress to route options stage in Q4 2021.

Housing

The Government launched its Housing for All Strategy on 2nd September, 2021

Dates to Note

2022– 2024 Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme to be submitted to Dept of Transport by 29th October 2021.

2022-2023-Community Involvement Scheme programme to be submitted to Dept of Transport by 30th September 2021.

Ballina Municipal District – Refurb works to local authority houses – closing date 10th September, 2021.

Hedge cutting season commenced 1st September, 2021.

Housing, Roads & Service Development



Roads

- Design work ongoing to the N60 Heathlawn scheme with the aim of receiving approval from TII to proceed to tender in Q3/Q4 2021.
- Design work ongoing for N59 Newport - Derrada scheme with the aim of receiving approval from TII to proceed to tender in Q3/Q4 2021.
- Design work on going to N60 Manulla scheme which will now comprise of a 2km realignment scheme.
- Works ongoing to R312 Glenisland Bridge scheme with new bridge now complete. The scheme will be open on 10th September 2021.
- Tenders issued for 2021 bridge rehabilitation schemes.
- Contract awarded for refurbishment of 7 No. bridges on the National Road network
- Strategic Assessment Report in relation to R345 Cong Outer Relief Road submitted to Department of Transport.
- Consultants appointed by Department of Transport to undertake pavement analysis in relation on R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall road. Report expected in October 2021.

Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708
- Progress on the 2016-2021 programme - 573 units have been completed with another 373 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS / Leasing

In July & August 2021, 32 houses were delivered under the HAP scheme and 6 houses was delivered under the RAS scheme. This gives a total of 2,149 active households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo at the end of August 2021.

Leasing – In July & August, 2021 under the leasing programme, 12 houses were delivered under Leasing. This give a total of 279 households supported under the Leasing Programme.

Homelessness - There were 6 homeless presentations in July (6 adults) & 8 presentations in August (7 adults and 1 child). Total from Jan to Aug – 60

Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

To date, 106 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications have been received, 74 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility letters have issued, and 12 Stage 2 Grant Approval applications have been received of which 9 have been approved. 20 application assessed under the Scheme were deemed ineligible at this point. Appeals have been received in respect of 19 of theses and appeals are currently being considered with physical inspections having already been carried out. It is expected that these appeals will be completed in the coming weeks.

Procurement

- RFT 196643 - MCC13082021 - Replacement of an existing Winch at Belderrig Pier- Tender to be awarded
- Minor Bridge Works -Minor Bridge Works - Minor Bridge Works- Regional and Local Road Bridge Rehabilitation Scheme 2021. Closing date 10th Sept
- Road Overlay Works RFT Claremorris / Swinford closing date 01st Sept
- RFT for Ballinrobe Greenway closing date 08th Sept
- RFT for Chemical Treatment, Management and Control of Invasive Plant Species – closing date 6th September

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Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture and Emergency Services SPC held on July 22nd

Climate Action and Biodiversity sub-committee meeting held on July 22nd

Dates to Note

Bike Week including workplace cycle challenge
Sept. 12th-18th

EU mobility
Week Sept. 16th
- 22nd

Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services



JOHN CONDON

Environmental Awareness:

- Roll out of “leave no Trace” and “Keep Mayo Wild and Beautiful” campaigns

Climate Action:

- Work commenced on Achill and Erris Energy Master Plans under the MoU between MCC and SEAI,
- ‘Could you cycle 2km’ and ‘No-Idling’ campaigns run over the course of the summer.
- MCC have launched a bicycle parking survey to identify existing and proposed bicycle parking locations. [Cycle Parking \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- Ballina and Crossmolina Decarbonising Committees presented their 2030 visions to Ballina MD.
- A tender has been awarded to Sean Horan Ltd. for the installation of a 30kW PV array at Rathroeen Civic Amenity Centre. Works to be completed in September.

Waste

- Anti-Dumping Initiative projects are continuing with clean ups of illegal dump sites completed during July and August at locations in the Westport Belmullet MD and the Claremorris Swinford MD.
- Certificate of Authorisation received from the EPA for the Historic landfill at Claremorris
- Department approval was received in respect of the Murrisk Community Water Connection. Total value of the project is €6,249,922.

Flood relief projects

- Crossmolina Flood scheme led by OPW is awaiting confirmation by the Minister for Public Expenditure.
- Ballina Flood relief scheme is at assessment stage and expected to move to the planning stage in March 2022
- Cois Abhainn, Westport flood cell is at assessment stage, moving to the planning stage in September 2021.
- The Neale flood scheme feasibility study is being finalised, to be submitted to OPW in September 2021
- Carraholly flood scheme embankments are currently under construction with a completion date of October 2021.
- Flood risk assessments are underway in Creevy, Crossmolina and Garryduff, Castlebar.
- Cong Drumsheel Flood schemes are under construction and due for completion in October 2021.

Fire Service

- **Crossmolina Fire Station:**

Works have commenced on the construction of a new purpose-built fire station together with a drill tower, drill yard and parking area at Crossmolina with total grant aid support not exceeding €1,960,173 including VAT. Expected completion date is February 2023

- **Health and Safety**

The Fire Service have, following a recent audit by the National Standards Authority of Ireland, successfully maintained certification to the international occupational Health and Safety Standard ISO 45001

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Planning Statistics
Planning Applications
Received: 103
Planning Decision to grant: 101
Planning Decision to refuse: 4
Forthcoming Decisions: 104
Preplanning Applications: 15
Appeals: 7

Planning Digitisation Project
- Tender process underway
National Services Catalogue
- Stage 1 is complete
- Stage 2 is underway
Chief Executive Orders
- Project to digitise Orders
Housing Grants
- Project to digitise grants

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PLANNING, HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, CORPORATE AFFAIRS & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES



CATHERINE McCONNELL

HR

New Appointments- 5 Graduate placements, 1 Exec Architect, 2 C.O.s, 19 G.O.s, 1 Assistant Engineer, 3 Emergency Control Operator, 1 Exec Emergency Communications Officer.

Interviews held – A.S.O, Environmental Tech G1 & G2, Dog Warden (Temp)
Competitions Advertised - Temporary Sports Development Office, Plant Fitter, Assistant Civil Defence Officer, Temporary Sports Promotion, Awareness & Evaluation Officer, Executive Civil Technicians.

Retirements - 1 Clerical Officer, 1 Foreman, 1 Waterworks Caretaker

Training - 158 employees undertook training /further education

Freedom of Information - 25 FOI requests for month of July and August.

I.T.

- Provided IT infrastructure and WiFi support for newly established HSE vaccination centre in Belmullet Civic Offices.
- Upgrades to Moneen Depot and Scout's Den training facility: Bandwidth increased tenfold, Replacement of active network equipment and WiFi upgrade.
- Shortlisted for DPER Innovation Awards for collaboration project with Monaghan and eight other local authorities on G2B portal.
- Data survey completed for bins throughout county - prototype project for National OpenData and wider MCC data capture initiative.
- A recent ransomware attack on Mayo County Council's servers was intercepted and prevented by our anti-virus threat prevention system. Further mitigation and securing of our systems has been undertaken and the incident reported to the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

LIBRARY:

- Launch of *Men of the West* in Westport as part of Decade of Centenaries.
- 500 new TTRS licenses for children with Dyslexia now available
- Eduram secure wifi for students now available in Castlebar Library

ARCHITECTS:

Construction of the following have commenced on site:

- Crossmolina Fire Station, 2 no dwellings to Hollymount, & 1 no dwelling to Liskilleen, Ballinrobe. The refurbishment of 3 dwellings in Charlestown.

CONSERVATION:

- Contract signed for Architectural conservation works at Belleek Gate Lodge
- Architectural conservation works commenced at Bowers Walk, Ballinrobe.

HERITAGE:

- Funding secured from the under the National Biodiversity Action Plan for Raheens Biodiversity Project
- Mayo Barn Owl Survey commenced
- Co-ordination of National Heritage Week in Mayo 14th to 22nd August
- History and Heritage of Lough Carra video released

COMMUNICATIONS:

Media: ▪ Responses and Press statements issued to Local & National media

Events: Co-ordination of Ministerial visits – Minister Burke, Minister Noonan

Key Campaigns: ▪ Cathaoirleach Awards 2021 ▪ Keep Mayo Wild & Beautiful #LeaveNoTrace in Mayo ▪ Heritage Week ▪ Look for local Outdoor seating & hospitality Grant ▪ Water Preservation ▪ Littering ▪ World drowning prevention day ▪ Move To Mayo

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Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism



JOANNE GREHAN

Enterprise & Investment Unit

- 'Move to Mayo', a promotional campaign to encourage prospective entrepreneurs to establish a new business in Mayo has been launched. €10,000 is on offer to the winner of a competition that is being run in association with the WDC and the Halo Business Angel Network, with an iRadio campaign to promote the initiative.
- Administration of the Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism and Hospitality Business Grant is ongoing. The closing date for applications is the 30 SEP 2021.
- The annual Student Enterprise Programme 2021/22 has opened for registration.
- Enterprise Ireland has commissioned GM Innovations to conduct a nationwide independent evaluation of the Start Your Own Business programme.
- The LEO Mayo Stimulus Fund programme continues to be rolled out.

Strategic Capital Projects

- **Town & Village Renewal 2021 Main Scheme:** 8 applications submitted to DRCD.
- **Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF):** third call for category 2. Ireland West Airport Knock SDZ application researched, completed and submitted in collaboration with strategic partners.
- **Town & Village Renewal Street Enhancement Measure 2021.** New scheme allowing flexibility to LAs to tailor according to local needs. Strategic framework established with MDs. 4 towns nominated: Ballina, Ballinrobe, Castlebar and Newport. Online application designed by MCC Digital Transformation team.

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- 7 projects allocated funding totalling €289,059 through the CLAR Cat 1 and Cat 2 Measures. Mayo awaits confirmation of the Cat 3a Measure under this scheme.
- MCC and Oweninny Power Designated Activity Company approved €208,800 to local community groups as part of the Oweninny Community Benefit Fund scheme 2021.
- Mayo PPN is rolling out a suite of training for Autumn - full details on mayoppn.ie.
- The County Childcare Committee are providing support and information to 5 potential new Early Years and 6 School Aged Childcare services in relation to setting up new childcare services.
- 34 Clubs & Organisations have received funding totalling €22,795 under the Return to Sport funding from Mayo Sports Partnership.
- 230 women participated in 17 Outdoor Events such as Rowing, Snorkelling, Surfing, Kayaking across the county as part of the National HER Outdoors Campaign.
- MCC are supporting 9 applicants under the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- On the 30th July, funding applications under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme were submitted to the DRCD under the following Measures:
 - Measure 3:** Springvale - Achill Greenway Bridge.
 - Measure 2:** Towerhill & Moorehall, Turlough & Killala Greenway, and Great Western Greenway Improvements Rosduane.
 - Design Scheme for Strategic Large-scale Projects:** Wild Atlantic Way Ceide Coastal Path.
- On Thursday the 22nd July a MOU was signed between MCC, Coillte, and NPWS to enable a strategic partnership to protect and develop over 550 acres of historic estates at Moorehall, Towerhill, Clonee and Derrinrush as a strategically important Nature Reserve and cultural heritage attraction.
- Funding of €350,000 was announced by the DHLGH for Ballintubber Abbey. The funding will allow for works to progress on the reconstruction of the East Wing of the Abbey.
- MCC collaborated with Fáilte Ireland on the development of a new brand for the Clew Bay Bike Trail. Media familiarisation trips took place with MidWest Radio, iRadio, and travel Journalists.

Dates to Note

Red Bull Cliff Diving World
Series at Downpatrick
Head on 11 & 12
September

Economic Development,
Enterprise Support,
Planning and Marine SPC to
be held Tuesday 28
September

Tourism, Recreation, Food
& Community Engagement
SPC to be held Friday 01
October

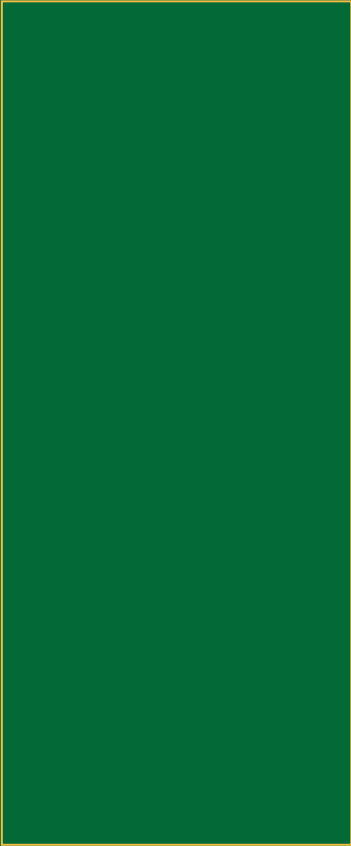


Financial Management & Motor Tax

PETER DUGGAN

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Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2021 Adopted Budget
Seven months ended 31st July 2021

APPENDIX A
FINANCIAL REVIEW Sept 2021

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Jul-21	Budget 2021	Remaining 2021	% Spent 2021	Inc. To Date Jul-21	Budget 2021	Not Rec'd 2021	% Rec'd 2021
A	Housing and Building	10,536,308	19,682,822	9,146,514	54%	10,768,084	19,831,762	9,063,678	54%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	21,470,081	47,892,469	26,422,388	45%	14,985,185	40,820,501	25,835,396	37%
C	Water Services	8,839,627	16,726,566	7,886,939	53%	10,911,058	20,253,755	9,342,697	54%
D	Development Management	9,765,393	13,859,093	4,093,700	70%	4,099,079	4,187,315	88,236	98%
E	Environmental Management	9,329,915	16,386,894	7,056,969	57%	3,133,450	5,744,900	2,611,450	55%
F	Recreation and Amenity	6,052,426	10,724,014	4,671,588	56%	1,057,463	3,386,330	2,328,867	31%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,101,428	1,954,527	853,099	56%	336,096	588,260	252,164	57%
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,489,443	11,488,138	-1,001,305	109%	12,833,552	7,213,963	-5,619,589	178%
J	Central Management Charges	11,815,124	20,444,108	8,628,984	59%	928,956	1,500,000	571,044	62%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	20,275,408	34,784,930	14,509,522	58%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	12,166,528	20,856,905	8,690,377	58%
	GRAND TOTAL	91,399,746	159,168,621	67,768,876	57%	91,494,837	159,168,621	67,673,784	57%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Jul-21	Arrears Jul-21	% Collected
Rents	5,593,112	4,361,686	1,231,425	78%
Rates	43,005,980	16,702,990	26,302,990	39%
Housing Loans	2,732,338	1,910,138	822,200	70%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft	Estimated interest incurred
	2	1,934