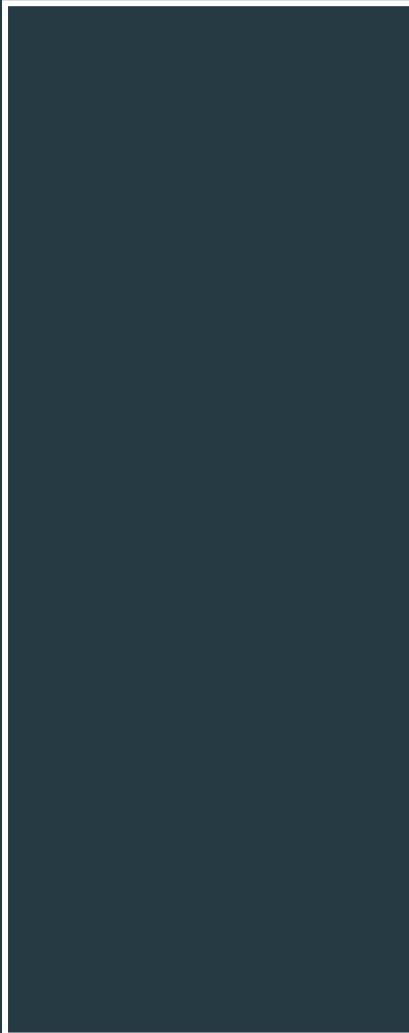


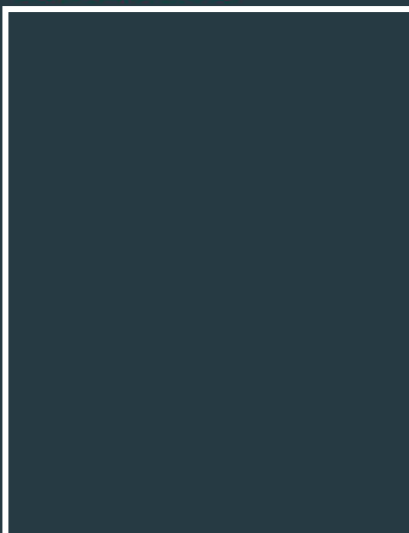


**APRIL, 2023**

**Highlights**



**Dates to Note**



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

**Chief Executive Report**  
**KEVIN KELLY**



In an effort to increase awareness on the various initiatives that have been introduced by Government to assist with housing delivery an Information Morning was held for Developers and Auctioneers in partnership with Construction Federation Ireland (CFI) on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Regional Training Centre.

The session was used to outline the schemes and assistance available by the State / Mayo County Council in the delivery of new and renovated houses. Presentations were made by Michael Broderick, Chief Executive, First Home Scheme, Justin Molloy, Director, CFI as well presentations by Senior Council Management on Turnkeys, Croí Conaithe, Buy and Renew, Repair and Lease, Part V and Planning.

There was a Q&A session and some feedback to the Department of Housing was relayed on a number of issues. Key contacts in all the relevant schemes were made available to attendees.





**Directorate Highlights**

**Roads**

Allocation of €65,300,929 received from TII for National Roads for 2023.

Allocation of €37,244,840 received from DoT for Regional and Local Roads for 2023.

Part 8 planning for R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall scheme approved at Claremorris Swinford Municipal District meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Proceeding with land acquisition and detailed design.

Tender assessment is complete in relation to the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Contract. Letter of intent issued to successful contractor.

**Architects**

Part 8 Approved for Lower Charles Street (4)

**Heritage**

Mayo Heritage & Biodiversity Strategy 2023-2030 – commencement of pre-draft public consultation.

Conservation: - Historic Towns Initiative funding of €240k secured for restoration to Belleek Gate Lodge, Ballina.

**Dates to Note**

Public consultation for route options associated with N60 Pollavaddy to Balla Active Travel scheme took place on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Castlebar Local Transport Plan at public consultation phase with information session held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Mayo Heritage Workshop – 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development**  
**TOM GILLIGAN**



**Roads**

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough scheme. Castlebar By -Pass section of the scheme to open in coming weeks with the remainder of the scheme to open in Q2 2023.
- N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme now open to traffic
- Construction works on- going on N60 Heathlawn scheme with completion due in August 2024
- Public consultation for N60 Manulla Scheme preferred route option took place on 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass is at Phase 2 route option stage, with preferred route to be finalised by April 2023. Public consultation to be held in May 2023
- Contract documents for the N59 Newport – Derrada scheme undergoing final review which will be followed with a request to TII to proceed to tender in Q2 2023.
- N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme now at land acquisition and detailed design phase.
- Design report submitted to TII for N60 Brickens re alignment at railway overbridge.
- N84 widening north of Shrule nearing completion.

**Housing**

The overall target for Social Housing under Housing For All is 730 up to 2026. The target for 2022 was 90 units, 91 was provided. The 2023 target is 151 units and projects are currently underway to meet this target. We currently have approval for 13 houses in Westport for Affordable Housing and are looking at a number of options throughout the County.

**HAP & RAS (Feb., 2023)**

- 22 No. delivered under HAP,
- 11 No. delivered under RAS

Total of 1977 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of Feb.

**Leasing (Feb. 2023)**

- 3 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

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

**Homelessness** – 9 No. homeless presentations for Feb., 2023.

**Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme**

To date: -

296 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received

296 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

62 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received and 51 approved to date

48 Stage 3 Grant stage payments have been made.

**Procurement & Efficiency Unit**

- All plant hire tenders evaluated and awarded for the Municipal Districts.
- Lough Lannagh service competition evaluated and awarded.
- Delivered Procurement Training to staff at Mayo House.
- Ongoing monitoring of energy usage.



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

**JOHN CONDON**



### Directorate Highlights

Environment Workshop in Ballyglass childcare facility.



#### Environment

##### Climate Action:

A ministerial request has been received from Minister Eamon Ryan to develop Mayo County Councils first Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) which must be completed within 12 months of the receipt of this request (February 2024).

##### Water & Air team:

10 complaints received (January)

7 Inspections carried out with 7 Enforcement actions taken, including 1 Cross Compliance (January)

1 New Discharge Licence issued, 1 Discharge Licence application awaiting return of further information .

10 Planning files referred (January)

##### RMCEI

The RMCEI 2022 review reports and the inspection plan for 2023 has been prepared and submitted to the EPA on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

##### Environmental Awareness:

Electrical Recycling Events in Cong and Keel.

Environmental workshops with 25th Mayo Scout Group Louisburgh.

Workshop for Castlebar Chamber of Commerce Members on waste management and pollinators. (See photo in Directorate highlights).

Green Schools Renewal visits and meetings.

Midwest Environment slot (WEEE, National Spring Clean and Pollinators discussed).

##### Civil Defence

##### Operations

- Civil Defence continues to respond to Search and Rescue operations as requested by An Garda Siochana. Civil Defence personnel were involved in multi-agency search operations in the Castlebar, Ballina and Crossmolina areas during the months of January and February & March.
- Civil Defence has commenced its Community/Event support program for 2023 and will attend events across the county throughout the Spring and Summer.

##### Training

- Civil Defence members have undertaken Minimum Training Standard recertification during the winter months.
- Our Instructor Corps has completed recertification across a number of disciplines at the Civil Defence College, Roscrea.
- Our Emergency Medical Technicians have undertaken essential upskilling training in new procedures and equipment.
- Local training continues on a weekly basis for all members.

### Dates to Note

Climate and biodiversity subcommittee meeting, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Energy Team meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Baseline emissions inventory workshop, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Electrical Recycling Events in Ballyhaunis, Belmullet, Castlebar and Claremorris.



## Directorate Highlights

### Planning Data for February/March 2023

- Applications Received: 83
- Decisions to Grant: 72
- Decisions to Refuse: 8
- Forthcoming Decisions from 21/03/23-31/03/23: 43
- Formal Preplanning applications: 6
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 53

#### February 2023

FOI Request	13
Insurance Claims	11
Calls Handled	3924
Ombudsman Cases	5 cases, 1 closed

#### March 2023

FOI Request	13 and 1 Internal Review
Insurance Claims	4
Calls Handled	3341
Ombudsman Cases	0 cases, 1 closed

## Dates to Note

Training Figures for Feb & March  
Indoor - 55 staff signed up for A-Z of Irish Local Government course. 70 staff participated in Manual Handling, First Aid, Data Protection & FOI training.  
Outdoor - 99 staff participated in Delivering Action Climate Training. 83 staff received training on CSCS Signing, Lighting & Guarding at Roadworks, Site Dumper, Location of Underground Services, Chainsaw Training, Safe Pass, Temporary Traffic Management Design, Ride on Roller, Surface Dressing and Manual Handling.

## Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



### Human Resources

#### New Appointments in Feb 2023

1 x Lifeguard/Swimteacher Part time, 1 x Clerical Officer, 1 x Site Tech Grade 11, 1 x CES Scheme

#### Promotions

8 x Senior Staff Officer, 1 x Assistant Engineer, 1 x Part time Lifeguard/Swim Teacher

#### Competitions – February 2023

Advertised Physical Activity for Health Officer, Civil Technician Grade 1, Civil Technician Grade 2, Executive Technician (Civil)

Screened/Shortlisted - Executive Architect

Interviews held - Emergency Control Operator, Executive Architectural Technician, Architectural Technician Grade 1

#### No Retirements in February

#### New Appointments in March 2023

1 X Senior Executive Architect, 1 x Retained Fire Fighter, 2 x Temp Clerical Officer, 1 x Work placement

#### Promotions

1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 5 x Staff Officer, 2 x Senior Emergency Control Operator, 1 x Resident Engineer (Contract), 1 x Arch Tech Grade 1, 1 x Senior Staff Officer

#### Competitions – March 2023

Advertised - Climate Action Officer, Community Climate Action Officer, Climate Action Co-ordinator

Screened/Shortlisted - Clerical Officer, Retained Firefighter, Civil Technician Grade 1, Civil Technician Grade 2, Executive Technician (Civil), Physical Activity for Health Officer

Interviews held - Assistant Engineer, Town Regeneration Officer, Electrician, Executive Architect

Retirements in March - 1 x Senior Exec Engineer, 1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 1 x Staff Officer, 2 x General Operator

#### Communications

- Public information updates on severe weather, traffic disruption, Water repairs, recruitment
- Media Responses to local and national Media queries. Co-ordination of corporate Advertising
- Cathaoirleach's Awards night –

In Attendance: 360 persons, 11 categories awarded along with 2 special awards – Cathaoirleach's Special

Recognition and Contribution to Mayo Life.

- LAMA Awards Submissions - 15 submitted, 6 shortlisted

#### COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Best Green Sustainable initiative - Martin Neary Woodland (Peter Gill / Anna Connor)
- Community Volunteer of the year - Brendan Duffy, Westport Men's Sheds
- Best Community Transport Initiative - Local Link Mayo

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- Best Business working with the Community - IWAK

#### FACILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

- Best Trail in Ireland - Clew Bay Bike Trail

#### COLLABORATION/LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

- Best Tourism Initiative - Home to Mayo 2022
- Facebook Mayo.ie page reach is up 216% to 636,616; Mayo Together has stood at 9.4K

#### Social media campaigns February:

- Community Funding, GMA Funding, Vacant Homes Public Information Evening, Usual Mayo.ie Photos of the day etc

#### Social Media Campaigns March to-date:

- WEEE Free Electrical Recycling Events, Cathaoirleach's Awards, Draft Castlebar Local Area Plan, Draft Castlebar Local Transport Plan, Mayo Day call outs, Friday Favourite – Promotion of various locations

#### Oifig na Gaeilge

- County-wide programme of events organised in March to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, including arts workshops, talks and coffee mornings, Gaeltacht scholarship scheme launched, with over 40 students from all areas of the county applying to attend a Mayo Gaeltacht college this Easter



## Directorate Highlights

The Student Enterprise Programme County Final held 9 March. Tyred Dogs (Scoil Muire & Padraig, Swinford) won in the Senior category & Odhran's Hen Houses (St. Louis Secondary School Kiltimagh) won in the Junior category. National Finals take place in Croke Park 5 May 420 people participated in 25 events during MSP's Women in Sport Week 6-12 March

Approx. €50k available for a round 4 Return to Sport Small Grant Scheme, launched by MSP March 2023

2023 Parent & Toddler funding scheme announced in March - provides support for the 33 groups to cover the cost of toys, equipment, rent, insurance, etc.

Tourism, Recreation, Food & Community Engagement SPC Meeting took place 27 March 'Wise Women, Wise Words' took place in Castlebar Library, in partnership with Le Cheile Family Resource Centre and the HSE, 8 March to celebrate International Women's Day

## Dates to Note

A series of 5 Sports Volunteer Support, Supervision & Recognition Workshops are taking place in March/April 2023. Details available [here](#)

Mayo LCDC are commencing a public consultation process for the development of the LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (LDS) FOR LEADER PROGRAMME 2023-2027

The Mayo.ie Western People West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon takes place 30 April. Register [here](#)

## Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



### Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- Local Enterprise Week took place 6-10 March. Events focussed on LEAN, Doing Business in NI & a joint event with Network Mayo to mark Int'l Women's Day
- Noreen Hackett, Founder & Director of Advanced Cosmetics, Ballina announced as this year's winner of the Mayo County Enterprise Award for 2023. Noreen will represent Mayo at the 23rd National Enterprise Awards in Dublin in June
- Efforts continue to support the work of National Broadband Ireland on their rollout - Network completed in Ballina & Castlebar areas & is underway in other parts of the County
- Programme planning for the OurKidsCode project is underway for 2023
- Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning & Marine Strategic Policy Committee took place on 6 March

### Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- 222 apps received through new online application process for the Community Support Fund 2022/2023 - currently being assessed for fund of €394k
- Submission made under the Community Recognition Fund 2023 for 48 projects throughout Mayo, total value €2,35m. Awaiting review outcome by DRCD
- Age Friendly Mayo supported a Climate Action training event for active retired in Mulranny Park Hotel, followed by presentation and site visit with members of Mulranny DZ Community Group
- Over 700 Children from 20 Primary Schools participated over 2 days in a Splash & Dash Event with MSP / Triathlon Ireland at Lough Lannagh
- Mayo County Childcare Committee continue to provide supports to New Communities in Mayo incl. delivery of Stay & Play music sessions in accommodation centres, Parent & Toddler groups and the provision of supports on accessing childcare and childcare funding programmes provision for both Ukrainian communities and for those in Direct Provision
- Niamh O'Malley (Mayo born & Dublin based artist) held her Ireland at Venice - Irish Tour event at the Linenhall on 11 March. Niamh was Irelands representative at the 59th Venice Biennale in 2022.

### Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Velorail - Operational Testing is now underway. Anticipated opening date, end May
- ORIS projects: Dooagh Loop Walk, works underway; Breaffy Woods Loop Walk & Tullaghan Loop Walk, procurement process underway; Erris Head Trailhead & Raheen Woods Trailhead, works completed
- Closing Date for receipt of submissions for Part VIII Planning Process in respect of Outdoor Facilities at Carrowmore Beach, 28 March

### Library Services

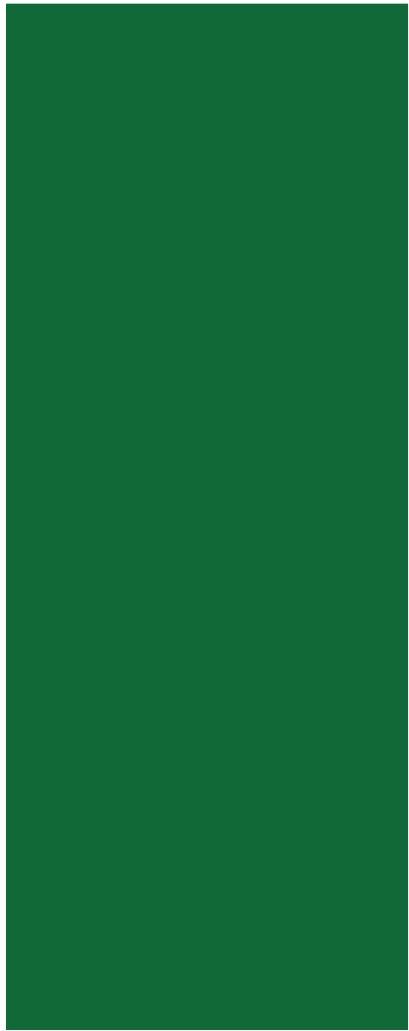
- Almost 700 visitors to Castlebar Library for Ireland Reads Day 25 Feb
- Foroige Level Up programme, a series of workshops on digital storytelling for children aged 10-14, has commenced in Castlebar Library
- 'Scenes of Inishbofin' Art Exhibition by 7 Mayo artists in Ballina library saw more than 300 visitors to the exhibition over a 4 week run from Feb 11 until March 4
- National and secondary schools workshops on the Famine, 1798, The War of Independence and the Civil War have commenced in The Jackie Clarke Collection
- Work on filming 10 short videos telling the 300 years of history through the eye of the collector Jackie Clarke is ongoing
- Yoga for good health started on 21 March at Castlebar Library as part of Healthy Ireland at your Library



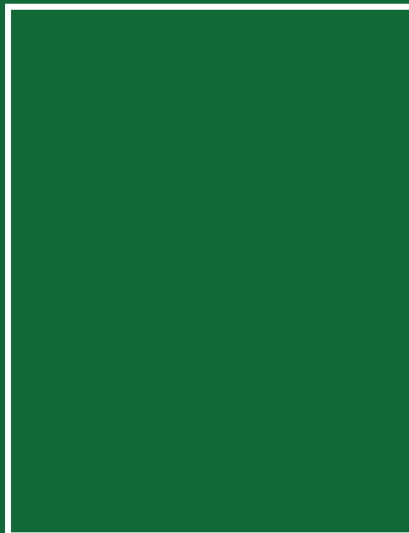
# Financial Management, Information Systems & Motor Taxation

PETER DUGGAN

## Directorate Highlights



## Dates to Note



Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2023 Adopted Budget  
Two months ended 28th February 2023

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REVIEW MAR 2023

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Feb 23	Budget 2023	Remaining 2023	% Spent 2023	In-c. To Date Feb 23	Budget 2023	Not Rec'd 2023	% Rec'd 2023
A	Housing and Building	3,697,591	24,035,722	20,348,131	15%	3,697,817	23,804,700	20,136,983	15%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	3,802,405	49,859,829	46,054,420	8%	2,418,955	41,326,728	38,107,773	6%
C	Water Services	1,734,103	15,979,577	15,979,577	10%	2,359,461	21,369,276	19,009,815	11%
D	Development Management	2,249,047	14,174,044	11,924,987	16%	657,554	4,616,955	3,959,401	14%
E	Environmental Services	2,707,664	17,899,861	15,192,197	15%	749,058	6,132,349	5,393,291	12%
F	Recreation and Amenity	2,108,927	13,117,245	11,009,218	16%	829,473	4,230,700	3,601,227	15%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	325,072	1,980,731	1,655,659	16%	115,079	693,533	598,454	17%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,900,576	12,810,709	10,902,131	16%	2,159,335	14,170,424	12,011,089	15%
I	Central Management Charges	4,178,290	24,972,867	20,794,577	17%	2,289,310	1,600,000	1,310,690	18%
J	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	6,289,770	37,741,670	31,452,901	17%
		-	-	-	-	3,445,891	20,675,346	17,229,455	17%
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>22,700,776</b>	<b>176,451,683</b>	<b>153,830,906</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>22,780,703</b>	<b>176,451,681</b>	<b>153,770,977</b>	<b>13%</b>

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Feb-22	Arrears Feb-23	Collected %
Rents	1,804,201	703,355	1,200,846	37%
Rates	41,157,275	1,138,106	40,019,169	3%
Housing Loans	915,668	295,514	620,155	32%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft	Estimated interest incurred
	28	-98