

## December

### Highlights

## Chief Executive Report

Peter Hynes



### Pride of Place

Mayo received an unprecedented four awards at the 17th annual Pride of Place awards in held in Kilkenny on 30<sup>th</sup> November. The all island competition is based on communities demonstrating directly to the judges their pride in their local place, by presentation, exhibitions of community activities and culture, and a tour of the area.

**Straide** won a special National award and was described as a Small Rural Community with a vibrant spirit and pride in a rich local heritage.

Three other Mayo representatives took runners-up awards:

- **Believe in Ballinrobe** in the 2,000-5,000 population category.
- **Knock Community Futures** in the 1,000-2,000 population category.
- **Mayo Age Friendly Intergenerational Programme** in the Age Friendly category.

### National Enterprise Town Awards

Two Mayo towns won awards at the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards last Thursday.

**Castlebar** collected the National Rising Star award, for towns or urban areas that have significantly improved as a place to live, visit and invest. This prestigious prize includes €20,000 for community projects.

**Belmullet** was a regional category winner, a very significant indicator of progress on the Enterprise front and a reward for much hard work.

### Christmas Message

As Christmas draws near and 2019 draws to a close, I would like to say “*Thank You*” for all your support and hard work during what has been a very busy and successful year, and to wish you and your loved ones a Peaceful and Joy Filled Christmas!

*Peter Hynes,  
Chief Executive.*

### Dates to Note

Christmas Holiday Arrangements:

Mayo County Council offices will close at 5.00pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.



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|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Planning Applications Received    | 72  |
| Planning Decisions                | 64  |
| Planning Refusals                 | 4   |
| Files on hand                     | 94  |
| Preplanning Applications Received | 11  |
| Preplanning Meetings              | 116 |

#### FOI's:

Nov=17

Total to date=151

1 Ombudsman upheld in favour of Mayo County Council

1 Information Commissioner decision upheld in favour of Mayo County Council.

### Dates to Note

#### Health & Safety:

Master Register of Safety Documents updated November 2019

#### Insurance:

96 Claims YTD  
34 claims in Q3

#### Audit Committee

10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

#### HR:

- 1 New starter
- 1 Leaver
- 3 Pensions (1 RFF)
- Waterworks  
Caretakers interviews ongoing. Fire Service positions both CAMP & Retained (ongoing). Staff Officer ongoing.

## Planning, Human Resources, Communications, Information Systems, Corporate Affairs & Architectural Services



### Catherine Mc Connell

#### ICT

New contact management system operational at the Áras main reception and Mayo House. Development completed by Mayo IT staff of AEC (Atlantic Economic Corridor) investment property platform for the region. ISO 27001 IT Security Certification semi-annual audit successfully completed.

#### Architects

Successful delivery of 57 new build homes in 2019, achieving Mayo target. Completion of the following housing schemes in December. Parke: 8, Pound Road: 6, Balla: 4, Foxford 10, Kilmaine: 6. (34 total)  
Mary Robinson Centre commenced construction on Dec 5th.  
Conclusion of MCC liaison with DHPLG in relation to the pending Pyrite Remediation Scheme for Co. Mayo.

#### Communications

**Public Information Updates:** Traffic Disruption, Road Gritting announcements, weather warnings.

**Media:** Responses issued to a wide variety of media requests locally and nationally, and press releases issued on Local Authority matters including welcome of Rural regeneration funding, Draft National Marine planning framework, Excellence in Local Government Awards, Mayo Business awards.

**Diaspora:** Co-ordination with Mayo Association Dublin for Annual Business Lunch where Mayo CE was guest speaker.

**Events:** Support from Mayo.ie to a wide variety of events taking place in November including, Rehab Mayo People of the year awards, Mayo Association Schools Debating national final, Pride of Place awards,

**Targeted Campaigns** Hazardous waste collections, Christmas campaigns in municipal districts, Black Friday Road Safety campaign. Things to do in Mayo for Christmas, Shop local campaigns, Winter Ready awareness.

#### Heritage

2019 **County Heritage Plan Projects** finalised – end of project reports prepared, and funding drawn down.

Biodiversity projects funded under **National Biodiversity Action Plan** finalised - end of project reports prepared, and funding drawn down.

#### Library

Mayo Co Library received funding from the DCRD of €146k for an “Open Library” in Ballina and “Magic Tables” for people with learning disabilities in Ballina and Swinford. The musical instrument lending scheme has gone from strength to strength with almost 1000 instruments on loan around the county in 201. After the success of October’s Big Book Club Meeting, library book clubs are continuing to flourish in Ballyhaunis, Ballinrobe, Kiltimagh, Swinford and Castlebar.



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2019 – 2021 Multi Annual Rural Water Programme - €15,624,811 for Co. Mayo.

The Boil Water Notice on Knock Airport Public Water Supply was lifted on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

### Dates to Note

Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

Environment, Climate Action, Agriculture & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

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



### John Condon

#### Climate Action:

- Climate Adaptation Action Implementation Plan workshops were held in November & the Implementation Plans for term 1 – Jan to June 2020 are to be completed by December 12th.
- Members of Mayo County Council attended a workshop held by the National Dialogue on Climate Action on November 29th. Information gathered at the workshop will help identify & develop ideas on how to engage with the public on climate action.

#### Waste Management:

The Waste Enforcement Team secured a successful prosecution for illegal waste activity in Ballina District Court on 26th November. The guilty party was fined €2,500, plus costs.

#### Awareness:

- A Household Hazardous Waste **FREE** Drop Off Event took place at Rathroeen Civic Amenity Site & Derrinmera Civic Amenity Site. These **free** collections accept a variety of household hazardous wastes such as paints, varnishes, oils, pesticides/herbicides and aerosols etc. This household hazardous waste is collected for safe disposal. A large attendance was recorded for both events.
- Winners of the Reuse Month Competition 'Gruesome Reuse' were announced. Students were challenged to make costumes from old clothing and recycled materials. We had a wonderful response to the competition and the creativity and imagination used by the students was very impressive.

#### Climate Adaptation:

The final Climate Adaptation strategy has been published and can be seen here:

<http://www.mayococo.ie/en/Services/Environment/ClimateAction/Adaptation/>

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Funding announcement of €6.5M for Mayo tourism projects under Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

- Ballintubber Abbey Interpretative Centre €2.67m
- Clew Bay Greenway €1.93m
- Blacksod Lighthouse & Visitor Hub €1.88m

MooreHall Walled Garden €150,000 approved under Rural Dev Programme

Mayo Age Friendly Alliance, IWAK and the Older Person's Council won the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award for the development of Age Friendly Airport Guidelines

Community Futures Plans for Kiltimagh & Islandeady launched 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### Dates to Note

Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning and Marine SPC Monday 9th December.

Tourism, Recreation, Food and Community Engagement SPC Friday 13th.

## ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



### Enterprise & Investment and Mayo LEO:

- The Mayo Business Awards were held on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov with over 300 in attendance. The recipient of The Neill O'Neill Lifetime Achievement Award 'Outstanding Contribution to Business in the Local Economy' was CBE, Claremorris.
- LEO Mayo participated in a focus group at GMIT on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- LEO Mayo co-ordinated a regional trade visit to Agritechnica in Hanover, Germany on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Mayo companies comprised over 20% of the entire Irish participation.

### Community & Integrated Development

Science Week took place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Nov with 1600 people attending open day in GMIT organised by Mayo County Council.

### Broadband & Digital Development Office

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov, the Government awarded the contract to deliver the National Broadband Plan (NBP) to National Broadband Ireland (NBI).

### Atlantic Economic Corridor

Co-ordinated by the WDC and the AEC Officer Network two events took place last week in Limerick and Sligo to bring together the Enterprise Hubs in the AEC region. A strategy is being put in place to support the Digital Hubs in a 3-year project with an initial budget of €1.00m. The Strategy will be launched early in 2020.

### Tourism Recreation & Amenity

- Work is progressing on the planning and development of a number of strategic tourism capital projects including the Keem Bay Signature Discovery Point, Achill Island Greenway, Extension of Bowers Path, Moorehall Masterplan, North Mayo Coastal Path and Lough Lannagh Sports Tourism Hub.
- Part 8 planning being finalised for the Achill Sound to Bunnacurry Greenway and Turlough Greenway Bridge.

### Sports Partnership

45 Mayo Groups receive €12,790 in funding under the National Go for Life Physical Activity Programme for Older Adult Groups.

36 sports clubs & community groups across Mayo received €1,143,493 in the government's sports capital funding.

### ARTS

- EXCEL youth arts programme is taking place in Nov and Dec with events across county Mayo for people aged 13 -19 years. Including collaboration with Mayo Science and Technology Festival.
- Recipients of Awards and Bursaries announced.

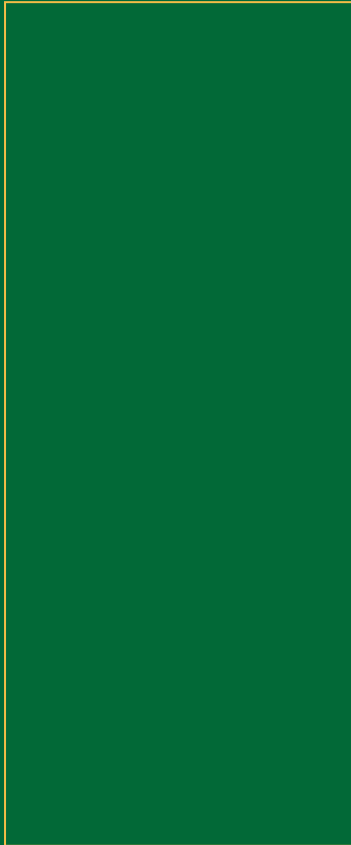
### Mayo County Childcare Committee

- The National Childcare Scheme was launched on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov with MCCC continuing to assist services transitioning to the new scheme.
- Commencement of Soundworlds programme for 9 Early Years services. Soundworlds' is an early years music programme for children that aims to introduce younger children to music.

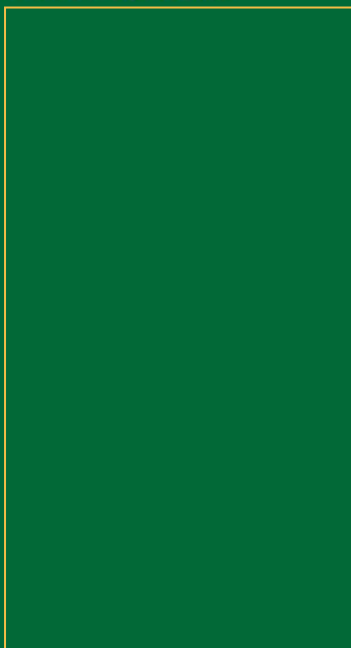


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## Financial Management & Motor Tax

Peter Duggan



### APPENDIX A

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW NOVEMBER 2019

#### 1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2019 Adopted Budget Ten months ended 31st October 2019

| Service Division | Description                               | Exp. To Date<br>Oct-19 | EXPENDITURE        |                     |                   | Remaining<br>2019 | % Spent<br>2019    | INCOME             |                   |                    | Inc. To Date<br>Oct-19 | Budget<br>2019    | Not Rec'd<br>2019 | % Rec'd<br>2019 |
|------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                  |   |                        | Budget<br>2019     | Collected<br>Oct-19 | Arrears           |                   |                    | Budget<br>2019     | Not Rec'd<br>2019 |                    |                        |                   |                   |                 |
| A                | Housing and Building                      | 14,418,142             | 16,068,814         | 1,650,671           | 1,650,671         | 90%               | 14,235,390         | 16,160,230         | 1,924,840         | 14,235,390         | 16,160,230             | 1,924,840         | 88%               |                 |
| B                | Roads Transport and Safety                | 35,373,082             | 36,611,373         | 1,238,291           | 1,238,291         | 97%               | 28,304,700         | 30,816,047         | 2,511,347         | 28,304,700         | 30,816,047             | 2,511,347         | 92%               |                 |
| C                | Water Services                            | 14,322,974             | 16,334,125         | 2,011,151           | 2,011,151         | 88%               | 15,060,091         | 19,299,445         | 4,239,354         | 15,060,091         | 19,299,445             | 4,239,354         | 78%               |                 |
| D                | Development Management                    | 11,637,555             | 11,524,913         | -112,642            | -112,642          | 101%              | 4,236,304          | 3,589,855          | -646,449          | 4,236,304          | 3,589,855              | -646,449          | 118%              |                 |
| E                | Environmental Services                    | 13,655,576             | 16,267,166         | 2,611,590           | 2,611,590         | 84%               | 4,117,602          | 5,582,600          | 1,474,998         | 4,117,602          | 5,582,600              | 1,474,998         | 74%               |                 |
| F                | Recreation and Amenity                    | 8,643,020              | 9,192,944          | 549,924             | 549,924           | 94%               | 2,570,702          | 2,567,580          | -3,122            | 2,570,702          | 2,567,580              | -3,122            | 100%              |                 |
| G                | Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare | 1,641,995              | 1,865,791          | 223,796             | 223,796           | 88%               | 525,000            | 569,650            | 44,650            | 525,000            | 569,650                | 44,650            | 92%               |                 |
| H                | Miscellaneous Services                    | 12,384,862             | 13,107,200         | 742,338             | 742,338           | 94%               | 5,054,862          | 5,734,631          | 679,969           | 5,054,862          | 5,734,631              | 679,969           | 88%               |                 |
| J                | Central Management Charges                | 5,916,487              | 17,177,895         | 11,261,408          | 11,261,408        | 34%               | 5,448,005          | 1,500,000          | 955,195           | 5,448,005          | 1,500,000              | 955,195           | 36%               |                 |
|                  | Rates                                     | -                      | -                  | -                   | -                 | -                 | 26,877,711         | 32,507,838         | 5,630,127         | 26,877,711         | 32,507,838             | 5,630,127         | 83%               |                 |
|                  | Local Government Fund                     | -                      | -                  | -                   | -                 | -                 | 16,510,287         | 19,812,344         | 3,302,057         | 16,510,287         | 19,812,344             | 3,302,057         | 83%               |                 |
|                  | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                        | <b>117,973,693</b>     | <b>138,150,220</b> | <b>20,176,527</b>   | <b>20,176,527</b> | <b>85%</b>        | <b>118,037,254</b> | <b>138,150,220</b> | <b>20,112,966</b> | <b>118,037,254</b> | <b>138,150,220</b>     | <b>20,112,966</b> | <b>85%</b>        |                 |

#### 2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

|               | Total for collection | Collected Oct-19 | Arrears    | % Collected |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| Rents         | 7,038,916            | 6,059,628        | 979,287    | 86%         |
| Rates         | 50,391,454           | 24,072,167       | 26,319,287 | 48%         |
| Housing Loans | 3,755,996            | 2,734,866        | 1,021,130  | 73%         |

#### 3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Number of days in overdraft | 29    |
| Estimated interest incurred | 3,273 |

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#### Roads

Roads SPC Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Roads SPC Meeting with TII held on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Housing

Housing SPC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Draft Western Region Homelessness Action Plan 2020-2022 presented at the Housing SPC.

Turnkey Expression of Interest communicated through local media.

### Dates to Note

Housing SPC meeting- 12th December, 2019

Roads SPC meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

## Housing, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



### Roads

- Suitability Assessment phase of the N26 Cloongullane Re-alignment Scheme has been completed with the tender documents to be issued by mid- December.
- Pavement overlay contract ongoing on N5 Ballyvary. All other schemes practically complete.
- Works on going to the N60 Lagnamuck and N59 Kilmeena schemes. N60 Lagnamuck scheme will be fully open with two-way traffic before Christmas.
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla scheme with submission to An Bord Pleanala to take place in Q1 2020.
- 2019 Roadworks scheme practically complete.
- Works have commenced on the R312 Glenisland Scheme.

### Housing

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

Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows: -

- 323 units have been completed with another 348 in progress. 409 Housing Solutions delivered in 2019.
- Private Rented Sector and Leasing – Mayo County Council is currently supporting 2,284 households
- Refugee Resettlement – 167 persons accommodated in Mayo to date (151 Mayo Co Co and 16 Red Cross)
- Homelessness – There were 6 presentations during November comprising of 7 adults and 1 child

### Procurement & Efficiency

- Claremorris/Swinford MD - Burial Ground Improvement Works (nine burial grounds)
- RFT 160569 - MCC Ballina Library - MCC - technological solution for the operation of a self-service library installation (Ballina library)
- Water Sampling Tender published
- Personal Protective Equipment currently under evaluation (PPE)
- \*New lower thresholds in Jan 2020 for OJEU advertising. €214,000 for Goods & Services from €221,000, Works to €5.350, 000 from €5,548,000