

APPENDIX 1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS SUBMISSIONS

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BALLINA MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 2016

21st March, 2016

To: The Cathaoirleach and Members of the Ballina Municipal District.

Dear Member,

It is a great privilege to introduce the Annual Report for 2016 for Ballina Municipal District (BMD). Throughout 2016 the Council continued to provide improvements in the quality of life for the citizens of the District across a wide range of services. Whilst challenging, it is worth noting the very valuable role that the Council played in providing essential core services and in supporting local communities in the District during the past year.

Within this report the various activities and delivery of services and infrastructure projects being progressed by Mayo County Council in the District are outlined.

Paul Benson, S.E.O and Paul Dolan, S.E took up new assignments in 2016 and I would like to acknowledge their significant contribution to the development of the Ballina District over their years of assignment here and to wish them well in their new positions.

I would also like to compliment all of the Elected Members who continuously dedicate themselves to the business of the Council and to representing their particular & general interests. The extensive range of business discussed and decided is outlined in the report and is testament to their ongoing dedication and service to the Council.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of the Council's staff for their work for the people of the Ballina Municipal District. I am confident that given the abilities and spirit of cooperation that is consistently shown by the staff and Elected Members we should be in a position to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Carmel Murphy
A/Head of Ballina Municipal District

Housing Grants 2016

Ballina Municipal District assisted a total of 132 householders in upgrading their existing housing accommodation, under the three combined Housing Grants Schemes. The total value of grant aid awarded is set out for each of the Schemes, as listed below:

Type of Grant	No. Approved	Value Approved	No. Paid	Value Paid
Housing Aid for Older People	68	€261,628.43	77	€312,546.50
Mobility Aids Grant Scheme	50	€151,721.16	51	€146,983.60
Housing Adaptation for Persons with a Disability	14	€141,726.00	14	€89,674.27
Totals	132	€555,075.59	142	€549,204.37

Housing Stock

As of 31st December 2016 there were 605 units of housing stock within Ballina Municipal District. This figure reflects an increase of 7 no. properties, which the Council acquired - 3 no. in Swinford area and 4 no. in Ballina urban. Overall, these additional units include 6 no. x 3bed units and 1no. x 4 bed unit, which greatly enhance our housing stock portfolio.

Casual Vacancies

The works programme focused on the complete refurbishment of casual vacancies and the re-allocation of the stock during the year. Overall, 50 no. properties, out of a total of 53 no. properties within the District were 'Returned to Productive Use' at the end of the year end; resulting in 50 new 'permanent' tenancies having been made possible, due to the refurbishment of vacant stock. A further 3 no. properties were ready for offered to clients at that date; awaiting a decision.

In addition to these works, 6no. Housing Units benefited from Mobility related adaptation works.

Homelessness

Ballina Municipal District dealt with an increased number of clients presenting as homeless during the course of the year.

The evaluation of client's circumstances is summarised as follows: (a) non-emergency; (b) short term emergency need; and (c) longer term emergency need.

In the matter of non-emergency cases, no support is provided. In the case of 'Short term' Emergency need, possible B&B accommodation for one or two nights may be awarded; and funded by Mayo County Council.

In the case of clients who have no alternative accommodation available to them, and no immediate prospects to sourcing such accommodation, including no option to share with family members, then 'longer term Emergency accommodation', in the form of Caretaker

Tenancies within designated Emergency Accommodation stock, is the only alternative reasonable option available.

In response to the demand for Emergency Accommodation, Ballina MD had initially designated 2 no. Emergency Accommodation Units within our housing stock, for this purpose, and fitted out these accommodations with white goods and bedding, in order to make the properties suitable for short term habitation, pending these clients being able to source suitable private rented accommodation, for long term occupation.

In 2016, in response to increasing demand, brought about by the scarcity of private rented accommodation, we increased the number of designated Emergency Accommodation Units to 5; situated at four locations throughout the District.

In total 6 no. Clients (in addition to those awarded permanent tenancies), were accommodated by way of interim Emergency Accommodation from within our stock, during the course of 2016.

The reduction or increase in EA numbers is determined by the level of demand; and as demand decreases, the numbers will hopefully decrease accordingly, and these units will revert to standard vacant stock status, to be made available for permanent tenancies.

Housing Loans

During 2016 Ballina Municipal District assisted 4 no. families in becoming home owners, under the Council's Housing Loan Scheme. In total 4 No. Housing loans were approved within Ballina Municipal District, broken down as follows:

PURPOSE OF LOAN	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals
New Build	1	€130,000.00
House Purchase	2	€246,400.00
Reconstruction	1	€12,500.00
Total	4	€388,900.00

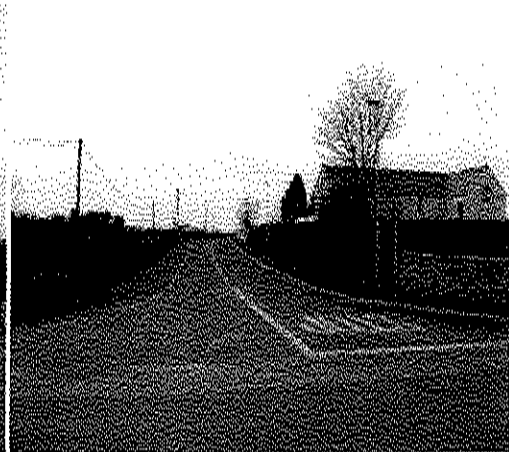
Following the introduction of the 2016 Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme, Ballina Municipal District anticipate that an increase in the number of applications being processed, arising due to the attractiveness of the recently introduced Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Pontoon Rd/Foxford Railway Station footpath extension completed in 2016.



This project consisted of the construction of a new footpath, carriageway improvements, public lighting and ancillary works from the junction of the Bellass road on the R318 to Foxford Railway Station. The works are now complete and the footpath provides a vital safe link between the railway station and Foxford town.

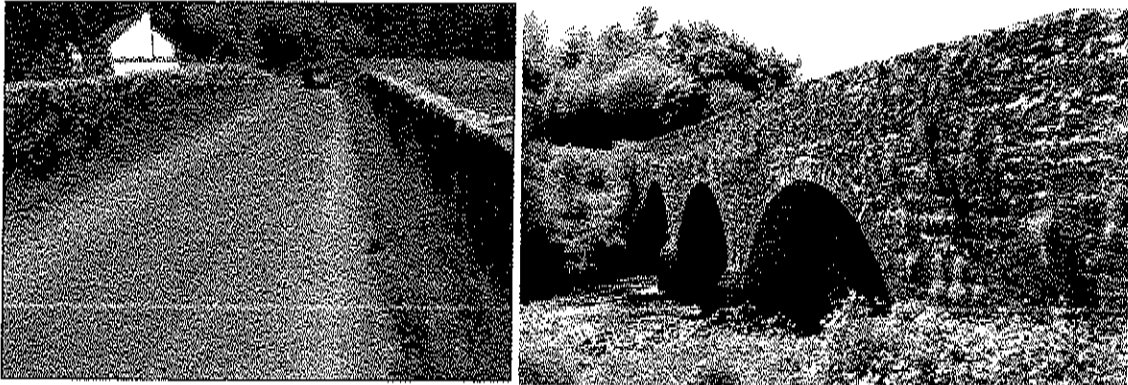
New footpath including public lighting to Swinford Graveyard.



Midfield Community Involvement Scheme completed in 2016

Repair and Restoration of Richmond Bridge, Crossmolina

The repair and restoration of the 3 arch masonry bridge on the L5157 at Richmond in September 2016, included removal of vegetation and repointing of all stonework using lime mortar. In addition the L5157 over Richmond Bridge was resurfaced with Hot Rolled Asphalt Surface Course.



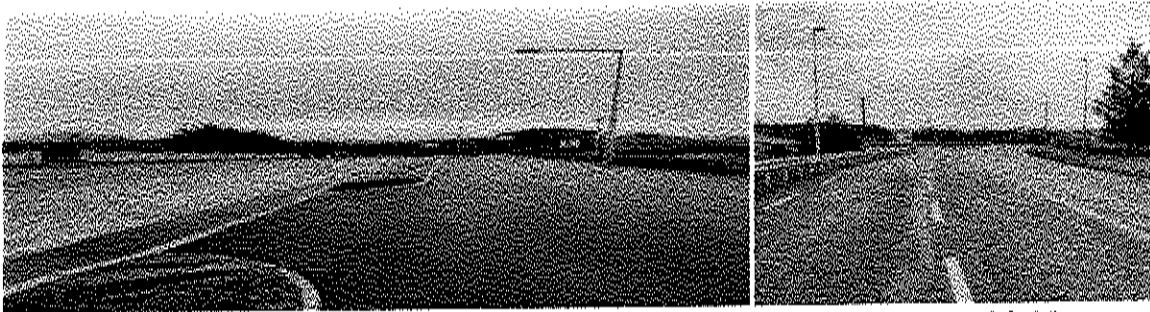
L5157 at Richmond, Crossmolina including bridge walls prior to restoration.



Richmond Bridge following restoration works



Start of footpath from Killala to Mayo Power.



Right turning lane constructed at Killala Business Park in conjunction with Mayo Renewable Power.

A new footpath leading to the Paddocks housing development on Church Rd, Ballina was also commenced.

New car park in Killala

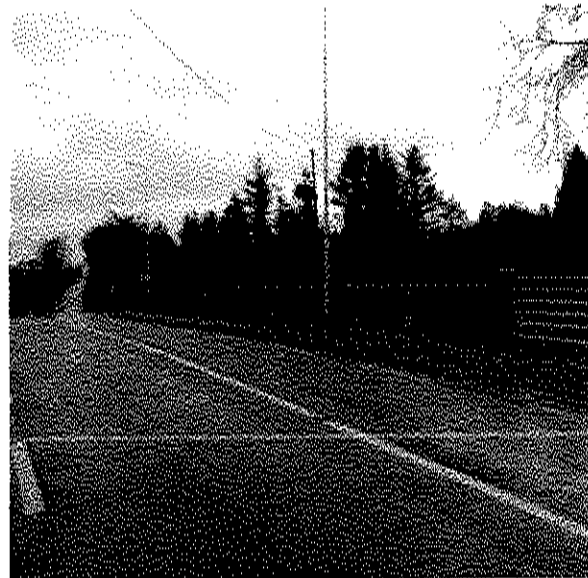
This project is for the provision of 20 car parking spaces with pedestrian access to the adjacent town park and onto the R314 Church Street together with the reconstruction and repointing of existing old stone boundary walls. Due to the site's proximity to the Church of Ireland Cathedral and old Work House, advance Archaeological digs are being carried out in order to preserve the integrity of any finds. To date 9 part skeletons have been identified above the car park formation level in a cluster area at the entrance to the site from the R314. The find is considered to be of great archaeological significance to the area and could date to the medieval age.

HD/15 Scheme

The TII's HD/15 scheme for footpaths and lighting on the N59, Sligo Road is now complete with new energy efficient LED lighting, as is the pedestrian crossing on Humbert Street.



Pedestrian Crossing on the N59 at Humbert St, Ballina.



New footpath and lighting on the N59 Sligo Rd, Ballina.



Low cost safety scheme at Rathkip completed in 2016



Newly constructed bridge at Ballydrum, Swinford



New pedestrian crossing on Lord Edward St, Ballina.

Kilcummin Retaining Structure

As a result of storm damage during the winter of 2015 along the Kilcummin coastline in north Mayo, the ground adjacent to L1116 road became dangerously undermined. A retaining structure was constructed to prevent any further erosion. The retaining structure was constructed using gabion cages of approximately 525m³ to a height of 15m



Storm damage at Kilcummin



Gabion Retaining Structure at Kilcummin

Flood Emergency Plan

In response to the flooding in Crossmolina Town in 2015, Ballina Municipal District embarked on compiling a Flood Emergency Plan (FEP) for the town. This plan deals with preparing for a flood event, dealing with the event and the aftermath. It identifies roles and responsibilities and communication channels. The plan specifies actions to be taken, when they are to be taken and who is to undertake them. This plan is specific to Crossmolina Town and is a sub-plan of Mayo County Flooding Sub Plan.



As part of the actions identified in the plan, Ballina MD submitted a Minor Works Application to the OPW for provision of low flood walls, barriers and refurbishment of existing stone walls in the areas most affected by the flooding. Funding was provided by the OPW and Kenaidan Construction Ltd was procured and successfully carried out the works on site.

At this time, the OPW, through RPS Consulting Engineers initiated a Pilot Scheme to provide low flood door barriers to dwellings and premises affected in the 2015 flooding. MCC Procurement Section handled the procurement of the barriers and Watertight International was procured and is in the final stage of installation of barriers in consultation with BMD staff.



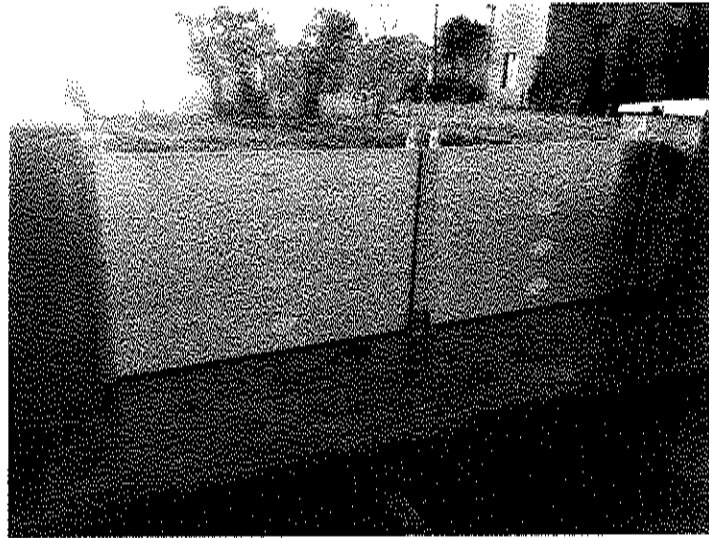
Newly constructed wall at the Boreen carpark.



New wall at Church Rd, Crossmolina



New wall downstream of the Bridge in Crossmolina.



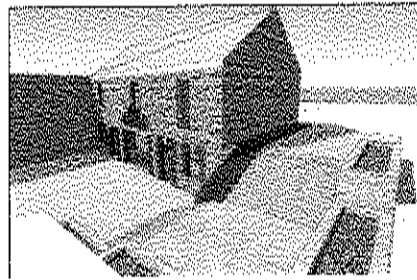
New floodgates along the river Deel under the Crossmolina Community Flood Resilience Project.

Flood Damage Works

Additional roads funding was also secured to repair flood damage at Attymass, Coolcran, Rosserk, Attymass, Glenree & Breaffy.

Pedestrian link from Teeling St car park to O’Rahilly Street, Ballina.

Work is progressing on the development of a link laneway from the Teeling St Carpark to O’Rahilly Street.



2016 also saw the reduction of speed limits to 30kmph in a large number of housing estates in the District

Development Management

Town Twinning

In March Cllr Loftus represented the District at the St Patrick’s Day Parade in Pittsfield. Ballina is twinned with Pittsfield in the US and strong ties between both communities have formed over the years with numerous exchange visits.



Cllr Michael Loftus signing book of condolences for the Nice tragedy to show solidarity with the French citizens and especially with residents of Ballina’s twin city of Athis Mons.

In August, the Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed a delegation from its twin city of Athis Mons, Paris together with officials from the French Embassy who attended the French Festival in Ballina.

In November, a delegation from Ballina travelled to Athis Mons to attend ceremonies honouring soldiers killed in World War 1 including Ballina's Stephen Kennedy.

Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Ballina.

One of the biggest events of the year was Joe Biden's visit to Ballina and Mayo County Council played its role in the visit. Several thousands of people turned out in the streets to welcome Vice President Biden and the town was decked in US flags and bunting.

Mr. Biden's ancestors were traced to Garden St, Ballina and coincidentally, Ballina is twinned with Scranton, Pennsylvania, which is Mr. Biden's home town.

Derelict Sites

Further progress was made in 2016 in combating dereliction in the towns and a number of properties were developed and removed from the Derelict Sites Register.

Taking in charge of estates.

The Council took 18 Housing Estates in charge in 2016:

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| 1. Suifinn Way, Ballycastle; | 2. The Hawthorns, Killala Road, Ballina; |
| 3. Towers Reach, Killala; | 4. Rehins Fort, Foxford Road, Ballina; |
| 5. Church Manor and Manor Gardens, Ballina; | |
| 6. Moyvale, Sligo Road, Ballina; | 7. Willow Creek, Sligo Road, Ballina; |
| 8. Castle Row, Arbuckle Row, Ballina; | 9. The Moorings, Quay Road, Ballina; |
| 10. Waterstone, Foxford Road, Ballina; | 11. Woodville, Killala Road, Ballina; |
| 12. Oaklawn, Killala Road, Ballina; | 13. Gortskeddia Village, Crossmolina; |
| 14. Radharc na Muaidhe, Foxford; | 15. Rathkip, Bonniconlon Road, Ballina; |
| 16. Derryguary, Pontoon Road, Foxford; | 17. Wesley Court Connolly Street, Ballina; |
| 18. The Old Millstone Killala Rd, Ballina. | |

Environmental Services

Street Cleaning

The presentation of the towns is of the utmost importance to the Council. Street cleaning crews continued to present the towns in the District an excellent light and the fruits of their labours were enjoyed throughout the year by shoppers, visitors and residents alike.

Burial Grounds

During 2016 works were completed in Midfield, Swinford, Ardagh, Ballycastle, Doonfeeny, Toomore, Leigue & Kilmurray graveyards.

Toomore Graveyard

The Registrar of Toomore Graveyard contacted Mayo County Council to highlight that the burial place of Dr. Brigid Lyons Thornton, a renowned patriot for her involvement in the 1916 Rising had fallen into disrepair. There had been no upkeep of the plot in recent times as the family are no longer in the area. The unique cut stone headstone which had subsided had to be re-anchored and the plinth around the grave replaced. The plot is within the

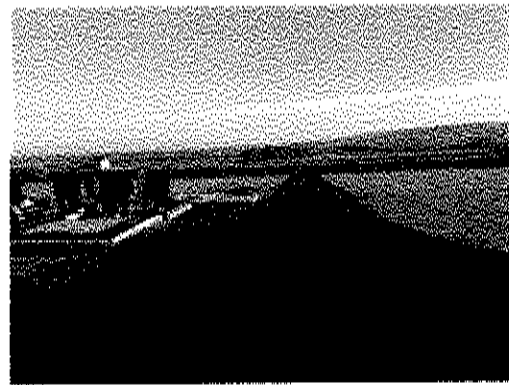
ancient part of the cemetery and works which restricted the extent of works. The works which have been beautifully completed were funded through a grant from The 1916 Commemoration Committee in conjunction with MCC heritage officer.



Road improvements at Leigue cemetery 2016



New gates at Leigue Cemetery, Ballina



Improvement works to access road at Ballycastle Graveyard

Tidy Towns.

During 2016, the Council worked with a number of Tidy Towns Committees helping with the painting of derelict buildings and the installation of flower baskets. All of the towns in the district continued to receive increased marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition in 2016 with Ballina retaining its bronze award.



Bronze award to
Ballina Tidy
Towns
Committee in
2016

Signage Bye-laws

New signage bye laws for the regulation of signage within the District were introduced in 2016 to control the growth of low quality, impromptu signage which has proliferated in recent years.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2016

Funding of €95,000 was awarded to a community building in Crossmolina from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under its Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2016. Work has commenced on the refurbishment of an existing town centre building in Crossmolina for the purposes of a town Museum and Exhibition Centre.

Foxford Recreational Park



The existing Playground facility at Foxford, benefitted from the addition of a €120,000 Multi-Use Games area, [MUGA] together with a Teen Zone, which has been a huge addition to the youth facilities available within the greater Foxford community. The Official Opening of Foxford Recreational Park was performed by Minister Michael Ring, on Saturday 9th July, 2016.

CLÁR funding

CLÁR funding of €196,460 was welcomed for a number of projects in Ballina MD, details as below:

Safety Package for Schools/Community Facilities

DED	Description	School Name/Facility	CLÁR funding
Swinford	Provision of new lining on approach roads/Child safety signs / Bollards to prevent parking on paths	Swinford N.S.	€6,500.00
Kilgarvan	Child safety signs	Bonniconlon N.S.	€1,000
Carrowmore	Road lining/Child safety Signs	St. Johns N.S. Carrowmore	€2,000
Carrowmore	Road Lining/Child safety signs	Killasser N.S.	€3,000
Swinford	Road lining on approach road	Culmore N.S.	€3,000
Brackloon	Road lining /child safety signs	Midfield N.S.	€3,000
Meelick	Road lining /child safety signs	Meelick N.S.	€3,000
Kilfian East	Child Safety Signs/Road Lining	Moygownagh N.S.	€2,000
Kilfian North	Child Safety Signs	Killacoraun N.S., Keenagh	€1,000
Ballysakeery	Road Lining	Newtownwhite N.S.	€1,000

Outdoor Play Facilities Enhancement Scheme/support for the development of MUGA's

Project	Clar Allocation [80 %]
Q-207 Multi Use Games Area [MUGA] at Abbeytown Crossmolina	€ 100,560
Q-215 Playground at Seaview Place, Ballycastle	€ 70,400

Monasteries of the Moy Greenway Phase 1.



The Official Opening of Phase 1 of the Monasteries of the Moy Greenway, was performed by Mr. Michael Ring, T.D., Minister of State for Regional Economic Development, at Belleek, Ballina in July 2016. Phase 1 consists of a 4km cycle/walkway, which runs through the magnificent Belleek Woods, and finishes at Knockitanole. The greenway route was designed as a greenway for everyone: to accommodate walkers, cyclists, joggers, and dog owners alike, with mutual respect required for all.

Monasteries of the Moy Greenway Phase 2.

Phase 2 is a 5km traffic free greenway extending from the Killala end of the Monasteries of the Moy. It was a particularly challenging engineering project built through hilly terrain. The land was mainly in private ownership with some public lands at Millers Historic House.

Canopy Cover for Military Barracks, Ballina.



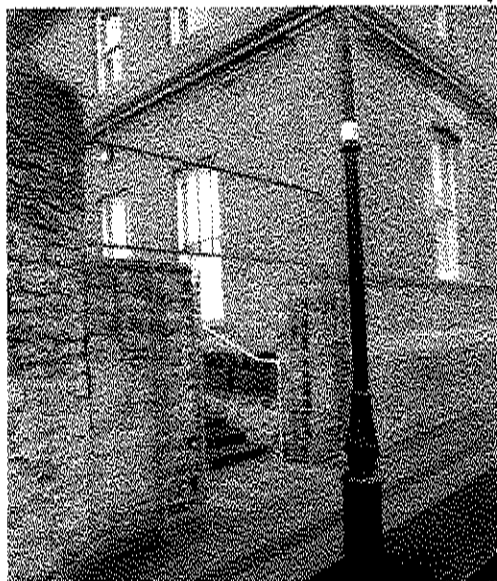
A new canopy cover for the Military Barracks in Ballina was designed and procured in 2016. The Square has become a much loved outdoor performance area. The area covers 500 sq meters and can safely accommodate over 1,000 people.

Phase II Military Barracks, Ballina



Work has begun on Phase II of the second square of the Military barracks and restoration of the exterior facades of the Officers Quarters is ongoing. This phase will complete the exterior renovations of the historic Barracks made famous in the 1798 Rebellion when General Humbert captured the fortification from the British.

New Entrance to Jackie Clarke Library



A new stone entrance and monumental steps have opened up a much needed secondary entrance to the Jackie Clarke Library. A criticism of the Pearse Street façade of the building housing the Clarke Collection was that it looked closed because of the main entrance at the rear. The gated entrance opens up the previously hidden Victorian Garden which has increased visitors and made the park a lunchtime favourite picnic spot.

Historic Towns Traditional Facades Shopfront Scheme 2016

Ballina Municipal District, having extended the initiative previously offered within the former Ballina Town Council area, invited applications under the Traditional Facades Shopfront Scheme, 2016, from existing independently owned retail/business premises

which are situated within designated zones in the towns of Ballina, Ballycastle, Bonniconlon, Crossmolina, Foxford, Killala and Swinford.

The initiative enabled property owners with a commercial aspect to their property to avail of funding to upgrade their premises and thereby enhance the visual amenity of the streetscape. 38 no. commercial properties in total benefited in 2016, with an increased number of properties expected to avail of the scheme in 2017.

Tree Planting and Tidy Towns

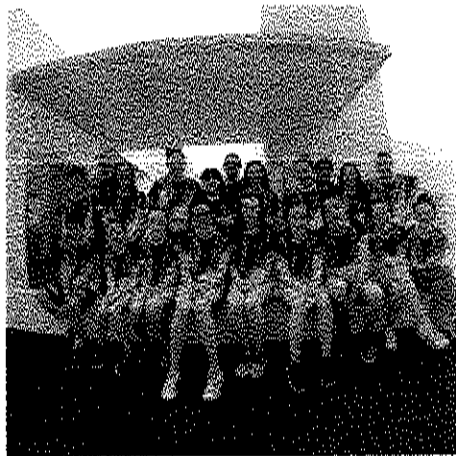
A tree planting scheme was completed in 2016 at the Ballina Bus Depot, screening an industrial type building and adding to the streetscape of Kevin Barry Street. Trees were also planted on Pawn Office Lane and this lane will be paved in 2017 together with the addition of street furniture.

Playgrounds

There are 11 playgrounds in Ballina District. Work also commenced in 2016 on a new park at the Killala Rd, Ballina and it is hoped to commence work on a second park at the Quay, Ballina in 2017.

Ballina Swimming Pool

The Council continues to improve and maintain the public swimming pool in Ballina.



Ballina Swimming Club took their division and A level Swimmers on a training camp to Spain in 2016 for a week long intensive training session. This was a great experience for the swimmers which really brought on their swimming abilities and formed an even stronger friendship between them all.

Members of the Polish Olympian team who were in Ballina in 2016 and used Ballina swimming Pool for a number of their training sessions.



Piers and Harbours

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine announced funding of €150,000 for Killala Harbour and €150,000 for Ballina Harbour under the 2016 Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme.

Miscellaneous Services

Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach 2016

Cathaoirleach Cllr Michael Loftus.

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Annie May Reape

Meetings of Ballina MD



13 no. meetings of Ballina Municipal District were held during 2016, one of which was held in the historic Killala House.

The following presentations were delivered at the Districts meetings during the year:

- Jackie Clarke Collection and Library.
- Improvement Works to Cloongullane Bridge and Ballina Orbital Route.
- Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM)(Ballina and Foxford).
- Ballina Arts Centre.
- Mayo Sports Partnership.
- LEADER Programme and Community Futures.

Nominations to Boards

Cllrs Annie May Reape and Gerry Ginty were nominated as Mayo County Council's representatives on the Board of Management of the Parkside Community Development Ltd trading as the Haven Community Childcare Centre.

Festivals and events

Ballina Municipal District continued to provide ongoing support to the Districts festivals & events which are an integral part of the social, cultural & economic life of our area. The Council also worked closely with Mayo Destination North in promoting the District. The

benefits of this collaboration are beginning to yield significant positive tourism results and this will continue in 2017.

The Council assisted the following festivals in the District during 2016:

Mayo Mud Run, Moygownagh	€500	Swinford St. Patricks Day Parade	€1,000
Humberts Heritage Committee	€5,000	Bonniconlon Drama Group	€300
River Moy Half Marathon	€500	Killala Festival	€1,500
Mayo Manchester Tradfest	€5,000	French Ballina Festival	€7,000
In Humberts Footsteps 2016	€4,000	Humbert Challenge Triathlon	€500
Bonniconlon Agricultural Show	€1,000	Crossmolina Agricultural Show	€1,000
Keenagh Come Home Festival	€500	Foxford Riverfest	€1,500
Mayo Stages Rally	€5,000	Baile an Chaisil Giro	€1,000
Attymass Gathering Festival	€500	Ballina St. Patrick's Day Parade	€5,000
Mr. Yeats Visit to Killala	€250	Swinford Agricultural Show	€1,000
Siamsa Straide Street Festival	€3,000	Ballina Salmon Festival	€17,000
Killala Halloween Ball & Festival	€250	Ballina Food Festival	€1,000
Ballina Agricultural Show	€1,000	Foxford St. Patrick's Day Parade	€1,000
Crossmolina Community Festival	€3,000	Tradfest	€750
Eskeragh Harvest Festival	€500	Crossmolina 1916 celebrations	€1,000

One of the highlight of 2016 was the French Mayo Festival, a two-day festival billed as "A Taste of France Along the Wild Atlantic Way", which took place in the Military Quarter, Ballina Town Centre over the last weekend of August and brought the summer festivities to an appropriate close.

The defining point of the festival saw Irish Rock legends, 'The Stunning' headlined the first live music event to be held under the much admired new state-of-the-art Canvas canopy, on the Saturday night! Safe under cover, rock enthusiasts spared no effort in "brewing up a storm"!

Mayo Day.

Ballina MD allocated €10,000 in funding to the following groups who organised very successful Mayo Day themed events during the last weekend in April:

- Ballina Retailers;
- Killala Community Council – celebrating Kathleen Lynn;

- Crossmolina No Name Club;
- Swinford N.S Parents Association;
- Killasser Community Centre;
- Admiral Brown Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoir Eireann;
- Ballina Stephenites;
- Ballina Athletic Club.

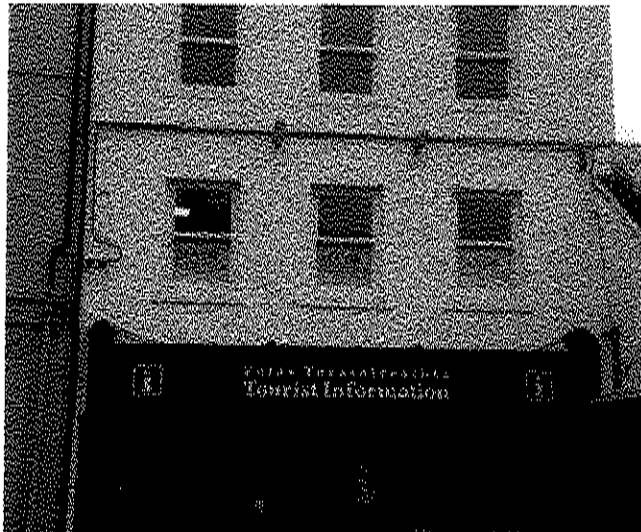
Water Safety training course in the Moy, Ballina.



This course was piloted in Ballina in 2016 and now forms part of the Councils overall training plan.

New Personal Protective Equipment was also piloted for the outdoor staff in the Ballina MD during 2016.

Ballina Tourist Office



Situated on Pearse Street in a Mayo County Council owned property, the offices are 3 storeys in height. The offices house the Ballina Chamber of Commerce including the Tourist Office and some Voluntary Groups. It has a spectacular meeting room on the 2nd floor with views of the Jackie Clarke Garden. It is hoped to develop these offices into a focal point for all tourist, voluntary and festival events for North Mayo.

Ballina Municipal District has a rich cultural and heritage tradition and during 2016 the Mayo North Office worked hard on maximising the Districts attractiveness as a tourism destination.

Renovation of Foxford Courthouse

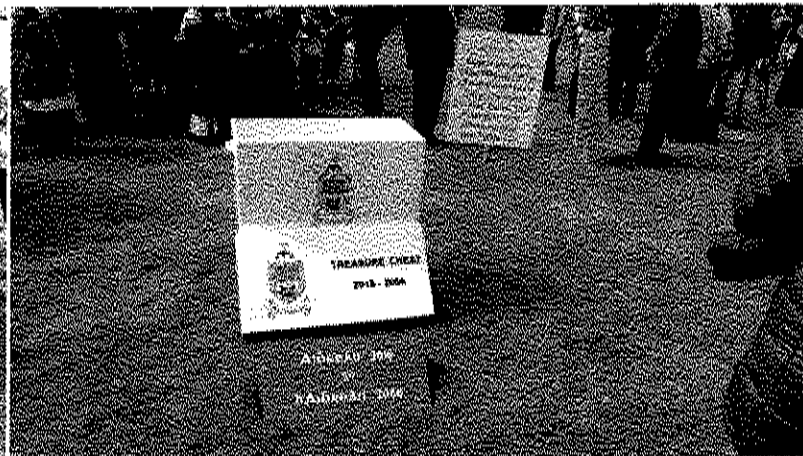
Foxford Brass and Reed Band approached Mayo County Council about the possibility of obtaining Foxford Courthouse as a rehearsal space. The Council agreed and the courthouse was renovated to a very high standard in a joint venture between the Band and the Council.

It was officially opened on Sunday, 24th October, 2016 and music classes are now conducted in the courthouse 4 nights per week.



1916 Celebrations - Dr Kathleen Lynn, Mullaferry, Killala.

Cllr. Gerry Ginty, Cathaoirleach, Ballina Municipal District, officiated at a Tree Planting ceremony which took place at Killala Town Park on Monday, 25th April, 2016, as part of the 1916 Centenary Celebrations, in recognition of the contribution made by local (Mullaferry) resident, Dr Kathleen Lynn to the Easter Rising. Assisting in the commemoration were children from Templemary, Breaffy, Newtownwhite, Cooneal and Killala National Schools.



Retirements

Best wishes are extended to John Hooks, Tom Gallagher, Joe Cafferkey and Michael Kearney, all long standing employees, who retired from their positions with the Council during 2016.

CASTLEBAR

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



Castlebar Municipal District has continued to meet the requirements of both Castlebar town and its general area over the year by on the one hand maintaining essential services, while also encouraging competitiveness and growth.

The Municipal District represents the population of the district as a whole which forms the natural hinterland of Castlebar as distinct from the Castlebar Town area which had more limited functional territorial and operational scope.

The elected members of the District are: -

Cllr. Michael Kilcoyne (elected Cathaoirleach on 30th June 2016)

Cllr. Cyril Burke

Cllr. Frank Durcan

Cllr. Blackie Gavin (Cathaoirleach from June 2015 to June 2016)

Cllr. Henry Kenny

Cllr. Martin McLoughlin

Cllr. Al McDonnell

Cllr. Therese Ruane



Councillor Michael Kilcoyne, Cathaoirleach of Castlebar Municipal District

In May 2016, the role of Head of Municipal District was introduced by the Chief Executive. Mr. John Condon, Senior Executive Officer, was appointed Head of Castlebar Municipal District. In June 2016, Mr. Peter Duggan, Head of Finance, was delegated the function of

attending meetings of Castlebar Municipal District to provide support for the Cathaoirleach, members and Head of Castlebar Municipal District in discharging their functions.

In the interest of making Castlebar Municipal District more attractive for the local, visitor and investor alike many projects which were underway in 2015 have been advanced significantly during 2016/2017.

- Housing
 - Continuation of the remedial works scheme for local authority housing
 - Continuation of the Energy Retrofitting Scheme for local authority units

- Town Centre Regeneration
 - Footpath extensions
 - Car park refurbishments
 - Curradrih Road, Castlebar, improvements
 - Hopkins Road, Castlebar, enhancement works
 - Balla Car Park Refurbishments
 - Bohola Car Park Extension
 - Kiltimagh Community Garden
 - Road Improvements - Tourmakeady, Bofeenaun, Bohola, Rathbawn Road and Turlough Road, Castlebar



Balla Car Park Refurbishments



Bohola Car Park Extension



Curradrish Road Footpaths and Public Lighting Scheme



Hopkins Road Enhancement, Castlebar

- Amenities
 - Castlebar new Swimming Pool and Outdoor Pursuits Centre.
 - Kiltimagh playground and leisure park
 - Kiltimagh Community Garden
 - Mayo Abbey Community Involvement Scheme
 - Islandeady Community Involvement Scheme
 - Kiltimagh Community Involvement Scheme
 - Lahardane Community Involvement Scheme



Kiltimagh Community Garden

While funding these projects will continue to be a challenge, Castlebar Municipal District will continue to examine all potential funding options available.

HOUSING

Housing Grants for Private Houses - 2016

Type of Grant	No. Applications	Total Expenditure
Housing Aid for Older People	55	122,188.82
Mobility Aids Grant Scheme	28	171,315.17
Housing Adaptation for Persons with a Disability	37	64,896.42



Ongoing local authority housing maintenance

Housing Stock

As of 31st December, 2016 there are 403 units of local authority housing within the Castlebar Municipal District broken down as follows: -

	No. of Housing Units
Castlebar Town	182
Castlebar Municipal District excluding Castlebar Town	221

Castlebar Municipal District has an annual budget in place to maintain this substantial housing stock.

In recent years the Department of the Environment introduced the Energy Efficiency Programme and the Voids Programme for local authority dwellings. The Energy Efficiency Programme assists local authorities in carrying out works to upgrade the energy efficiency levels in its houses. The Voids Programme assists in returning vacant social housing units to productive use.

The Municipal District Offices located at Aras an Chontae, Castlebar carry out the following housing functions among others: -

- Delivery of the housing construction programme
- Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme
- Management of the housing waiting list
- Provision of services for the homeless
- Provision of special needs and rural housing
- House Purchase and Improvements Loans
- Collection of housing rents
- Renovate longterm housing voids
- Implement the Energy Efficiency Works Scheme
- Assist local Voluntary Housing bodies

Castlebar Town also welcomed 8 Syrian families in 2016 under the Refugee Resettlement Programme.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Castlebar Municipal District has a total of 1,518 kilometres of roadway which is divided between National, Regional and Local Roads as set out hereunder.

National Primary Roads	29kms
National Secondary Roads	49kms
Regional Roads	162kms
Local Roads	1,278 kms

As part of the programme of works, ongoing in 2015 and carried forward into 2016, the following amounts are allocated in the Castlebar Municipal District.

	€	Total
National Primary Roads		
General Maintenance	81,030	
Winter Maintenance	43,600	
		124,630
National Secondary Roads		
General Maintenance	87,306	
Winter Maintenance	42,230	
Pavement & Minor Works	3,221,500	
		3,351,036
Regional Roads		
General Maintenance	274,820	
Surface Dressing	268,642	
Other Works of Maintenance	70,200	
Strengthening/Road Restoration	632,477	
Winter Maintenance	123,517	
Specific Improvements Schemes	700,000	
Bridge Rehabilitation Works	73,775	
		2,143,431
Local Roads		
General Maintenance	828,691	
Surface Dressing	693,418	
Strengthening/Road Restoration	1,358,203	
Local Road Improvements	30,853	
Bridge Rehabilitation Works	68,100	
Community Involvement Schemes	164,365	
Local Improvement Schemes	182,331	
		3,325,961
		8,945,058



Aghinish Flood Relief Works



N5 Bohola Traffic Calming Scheme

NATIONAL ROADS - CAPITAL PROJECTS

N5 Westport to Turlough Road Project - 27 kms

The Compulsory Purchase Order and Environment Impact Statement were approved for the Scheme in 2014. The project extends from Westport to East of Castlebar, and includes a new southern bypass of Castlebar. In 2015, Notices to Treat were served on all the affected landowners and the land valuation process began. Archaeological Test Trenching, detailed site investigation and other advance works also commenced on site together with preparation of contract documents for fencing.

The project with a value of €200m was included in the Government's Infrastructure and Capital Investment Programme in September, 2015.

N5/N26/N58 Castlebar to Bohola & Swinford to Mount Falcon Road Project

Following the An Bord Pleanála decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed N26 Ballina to Bohola Stage 2 in February, 2010, a revised proposal was developed by Mayo County Council to improve the N5 route between Turlough and East of Bohola together with the N26/N58 connection between Foxford and the improved N5 route.

The Emerging Preferred Route corridors for the new N5/N26/N58 Turlough Bohola Project were presented to the members of Castlebar and Ballina Municipal Districts in June, 2015 and adopted at a full meeting of the Council in July, 2015. It is hoped that the N5/N26/N58 project will continue to benefit from investment in 2016.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION – DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

Last year an amount of in excess of €23,000 was made available to various community and sporting organisations in Castlebar area for various festivals and events as set out below.

- Feile Ukulele
- Turlough Heritage, Duck Race and Family Fun Day
- Candle of Grace
- Mayo International Choral Festival
- Keenagh Come Home Festival
- Dancing at the Crossroads
- In Humberts Footsteps 2016

- Straide Centenary Harvest Barn Dance
- Straide Community Development Ltd.
- Ballyvary/Keellogues Dev. Co. Ltd.
- Michael Davitt Museum
- Coel na Locha Festival Tuar Mhich Eadaigh
- Glore Mill Art Centre, Kiltimagh
- Le Cheile Family Resource Centre
- Ballintubber 800 Centenary of Abbey
- Seamus Corbett Memorial
- CRN World Irish Dancing Championship 2016, Breaffy Arena
- Balla Community Festival
- May Day Festival, Military Barracks
- Bohola Family Fun Day
- Partry Community Council
- Lahardane Parents Council
- Kiltimagh Tourism Association
- Railway Theatre Group
- St. Patricks Day Parade, Castlebar
- Castlebar 4 Day Walks
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tourmakeady
- Tourmakeady Agricultural Show and Food Fair

An excess of €12,000 has been made available to Residents Associations in Castlebar Municipal District in 2016. They are: -

- Moat, Balla
- Fortfield and St. Martins Terrace, Castlebar
- Leicnin Village, Turlough
- Millwood, Turlough
- Rathbawn Drive, Castlebar
- Kilkeeran, Partry
- N84 Attavally/Lufferton Residents, Ballintubber
- Manor Village, Castlebar

- The Oaks, Castlebar
- Garryduff Park, Castlebar
- Victoria Place, Castlebar
- Cois Abhainn, Castlebar
- Churchview, Balla
- An Sruthan, Castlebar
- Foxfield, Castlebar
- Meadow Park, Castlebar
- Kilkenny Close, Castlebar
- Rowan Drive, Castlebar
- Churchfield, Balla
- Oakview, Castlebar
- Oakwood, Bohola
- Cashel Park, Castlebar
- Goirtin na Coille, Tourmakeady

Other Clubs and Organisations who benefited from funding from Castlebar Municipal District in 2016 were: -

- Turlough Community Development
- Mayo War Grave's Memorial Committee
- Mayo Peace Park Garden of Remembrance Committee
- Balla Tidy Towns
- Both Thola Ladybirds and Brownies
- Grainne Mhaol Dragon Boat Team
- Ballyheane Youths Football Club
- Errew N.S.
- Turlough Heritage Committee
- Candle of Grace
- Foroige - Castlebar Neighbourhood Youth Project
- Carnacon Ladies Gaelic Association
- Mayo Concert Orchestra and Castlebar Concert Bank & Mayo Youth Orchestra
- Castlebar Rugby Club
- Snugboro Utd FC

- Castlebar Social Services
- Castlebar Celtic Womens FC
- Castlebar Celtic FC
- Mindspace Mayo
- Mayo Volunteer Centre, c/o Le Cheile Family Resource Centre
- Ballintubber Heritage Project
- 10th Mayo Kiltimagh Scouts
- Mayo Rape Crisis Centre
- Family Carers Ireland
- Straide Cultural & Historical Society
- Grainne Uaile Sub Aqua Club
- Balla Foroige Club
- Kiltimagh Amenity Park Committee
- Cairde Clubhouse T/A Dolmen Clubhouse
- Ballyglass Football & Social Club Ltd.
- Ballyglass Community Council Co. Ltd.
- Ballyglass Community Childcare Centre
- Keenagh Development Company
- Kiltimagh Tidy Towns
- Straide Community Development Co. Ltd.
- Muid Fein Le Cheile
- Crimlin Community Arts
- Islandeady Cycling Club
- Family Life Services, The Family Centre
- Castlebar Walking Group
- Ballyvary/Keellogues Development Company
- Parke Musical Society
- Partry Athletic FC
- Partry Ladies Group
- Partry Afterschool Committee
- Partry Underage Soccer Club
- Green Campus GMIT Mayo
- Ballyheane 55 Club

- Le Cheile Family Resource Centre
- Mayo Travellers Support Group
- Castlebar Mens Shed
- Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann
- Parke Community Hall Ltd
- Parke Arts and Drama Group
- Ballintubber Over 55 Club
- Ballintubber Community Council
- Straide (and district) War Memorial Association
- Ballyheane Christmas Lights Committee
- Islandeady Foroige
- Balla Community Resource Development Ltd.
- Kiltimagh Historial Society (Kiltimagh Museum)
- Sheridan Memorial Community Centre, Bohola
- Tourmakeady Foroige
- Kiltimagh First Responders
- Castlebar Swimming Club
- Balla Golf Club
- Castlebar Community First Responders
- Castlebar Special Olympics Table Tennis Club
- Irish Countrywomen's Association
- Yotoshinkai Karate Club
- St. Peters N.S., Snugboro
- Castlebar Tennis Club
- Mayo Abbey Parish Development Co. Ltd.
- Castlebar Chamber of Commerce
- Balla GAA Club
- Community Action on Dementia in Mayo
- Castlebar Macra na Feirme
- Castlebar Mitchels Ladies GAA Club
- Mayo Abbey Foroige Club
- Castlebar Celtic Youth Club
- Aglish Boxing Club

- Ballintubber Bulls Basketball Club
- Castlebar No Name Club
- 1st Mayo Scouts, Castlebar
- Carnacon Community Development Association
- Castlebar Tidy Towns
- Bilberry Lannagh Angling Club
- Islandeady Village Enhancement Group
- Mayo Gaels GAA Club
- Coillte Community Playgroup, Kiltimagh
- St John Ambulance Mayo Division
- Kiltimagh Active Retired Association
- Order of Malta
- Crimlin Sports and Social Club
- Coiste Pobail Thuar Mhic Eadaigh Teo
- Coiste Cultur Teanga agus Forbatha Thuar Mhic Eadaigh

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

The following roads were taken in charge in the Castlebar Municipal District area during 2016:

1.	Balloorclerghy	Extension of the L59035 from Balloor crossroads for a distance of 1030m to the L5902 at Devleash.	1030m
2	Snugborough	Road running southwards from the L1725 in Snugborough for a distance of 90m.	90m
3	Lakeland	Extension of the L5763 from the western end of the L5763-14, northwards for a distance of 290m and southwards for a distance of 180m.	470m
4	Kiltrone	Extension of the L56392 from a point 350m west of its junction with the L5639 east and northeastwards for a distance of 920m.	920m
5	Shanvally	Road running south eastwards and then south westwards, from a point on the R320 400m north of the junction with the L59592, for a distance of 1050m where it rejoins with the R320 and also the branch south eastwards for a distance of 220m.	1270m
6	Conloon	From a point on the L1721 in Ardvarney, 390m north of the junction with the L17205, running eastwards and northwards for a distance of 1650m to join with the L17203 in Derrylahan, excluding bridge.	1650m
7	Lisduff	From a point on the L5903 520m northeast of the junction with the L5901, running south and eastwards for a distance of 200m	200m
8	Pollronahan	From a point on the L59584, 370m west of the junction with the L5959, running northwards for a distance of 330m	330m

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & RECREATION & AMENITY

Phase 1:- Castlebar Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre, National Outdoor Educational and Training Centre

This element involves the construction of a Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre together with a Training Centre for Outdoor Pursuits at Lough Lannagh in Castlebar.

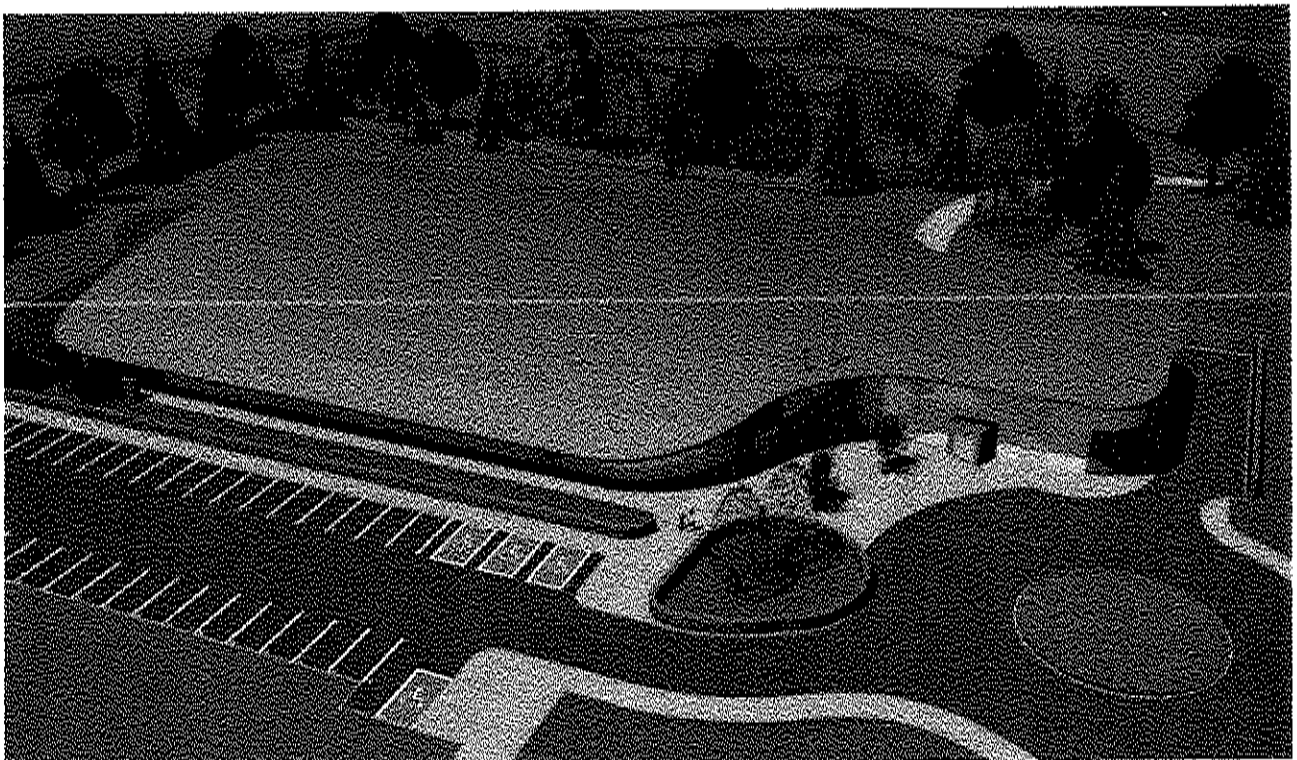
The Swimming Pool incorporates an 8 lane 25m pool along with a learner pool, associated changing facilities, staff and plant accommodation, gym and aerobics rooms and has an area of 3,340 sq.m.

The Outdoor Educational and Training Centre contains wet and dry changing and storage facilities, access to Lough Lannagh, a climbing wall as well as lecture and office areas and has an area of 747 sq.m.

The projected cost of this element of the project is €11,095,235. Funding assistance was approved by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport.

The contracts were signed on 16th November 2015 and construction on site commenced in December 2015. The Contractor is P. J. McLoughlin & Sons Limited.

The programmed completion is late 2017.



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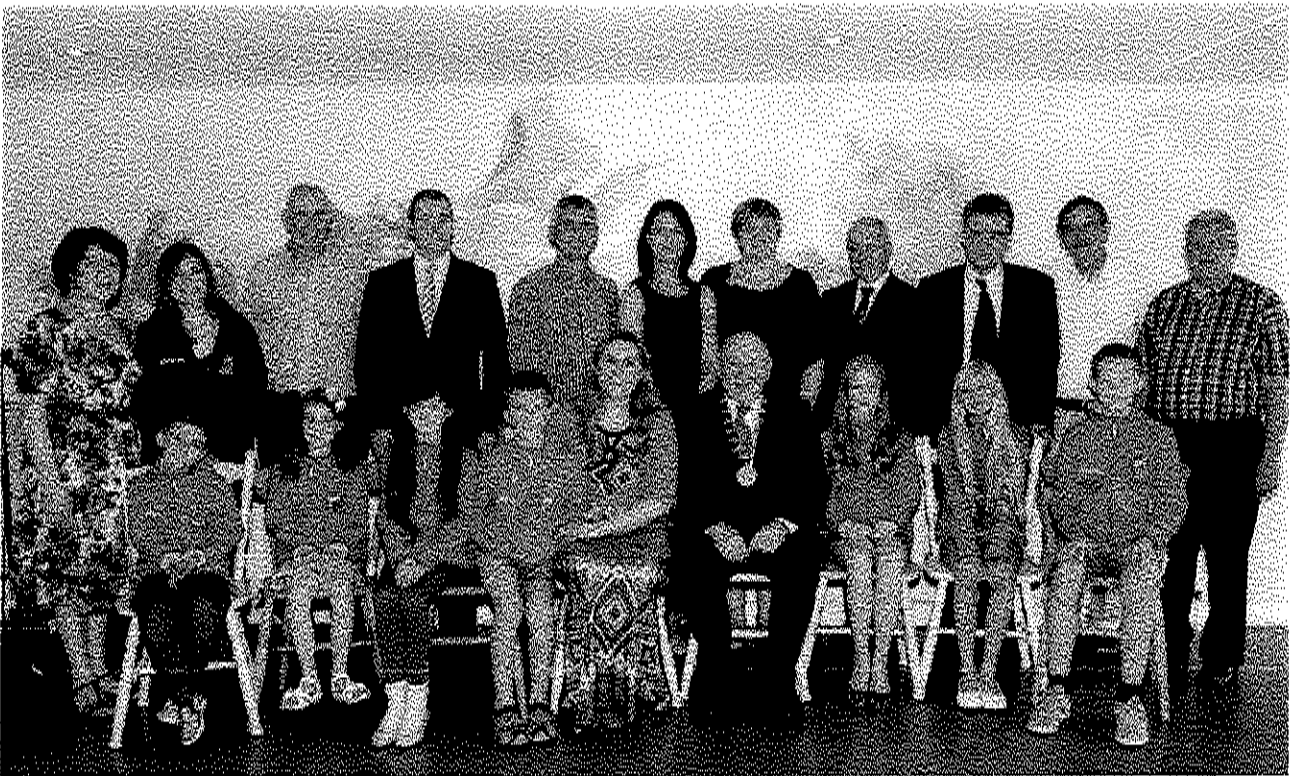
An Taoiseach Enda Kenny laying the foundation stone for the new swimming pool and outdoor pursuits centre Lough Lannagh – May 2016



Seven Oak Trees for Seven Signatories 1916 Centenary Planting Planted March 2016 at Lough Lannagh, Castlebar



Civic Reception for Students and Teachers from Hochstadt, Germany – 16th March 2016



Civic Reception for Children from Belarus – 19th July 2016



*Civic Reception for First Choice Credit Union, Castlebar, to mark their 50th Anniversary
7th December 2016*

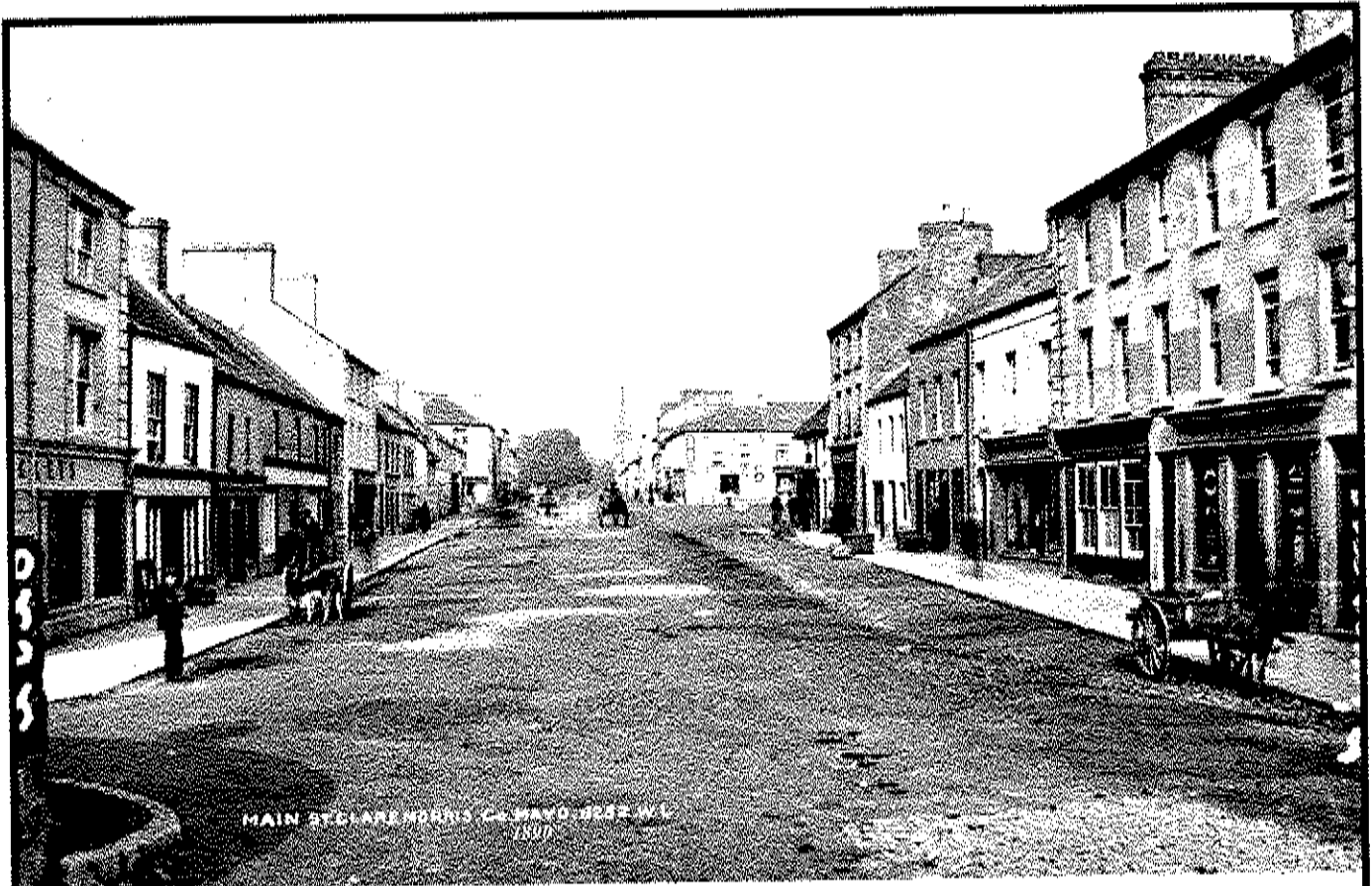


*Civic Reception for Nicholas Quinn in recognition of his achievement in representing
Ireland 2016 Summer Olympics – 29th August 2016*



Commemoration Ceremony Marking the 1916 Rising





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Claremorris Municipal District
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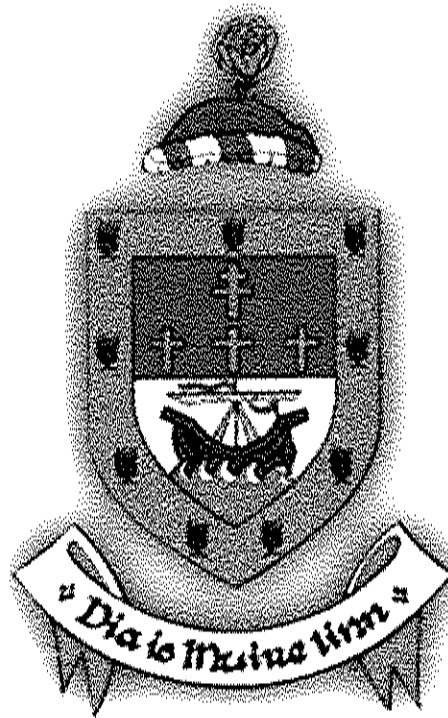
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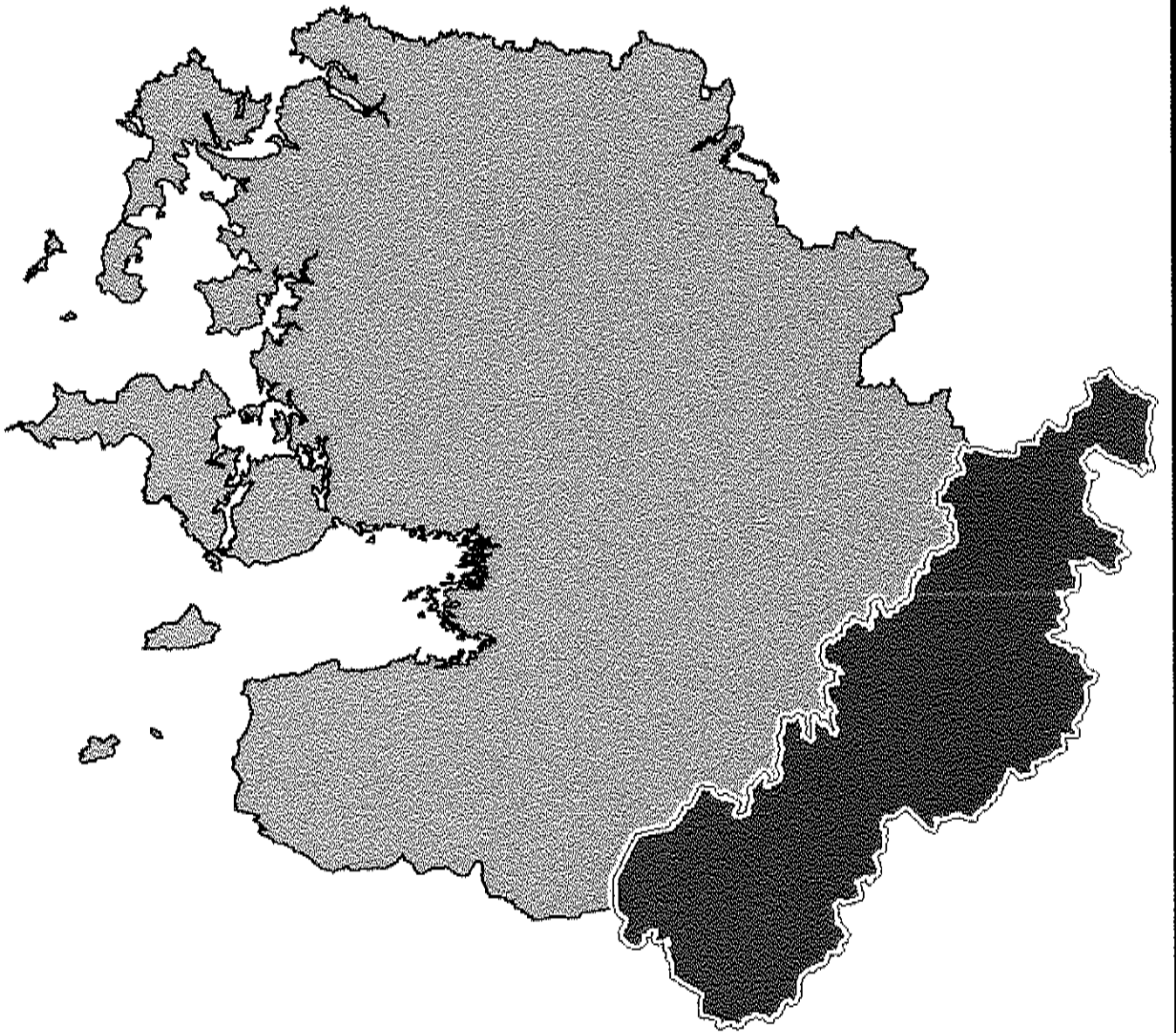
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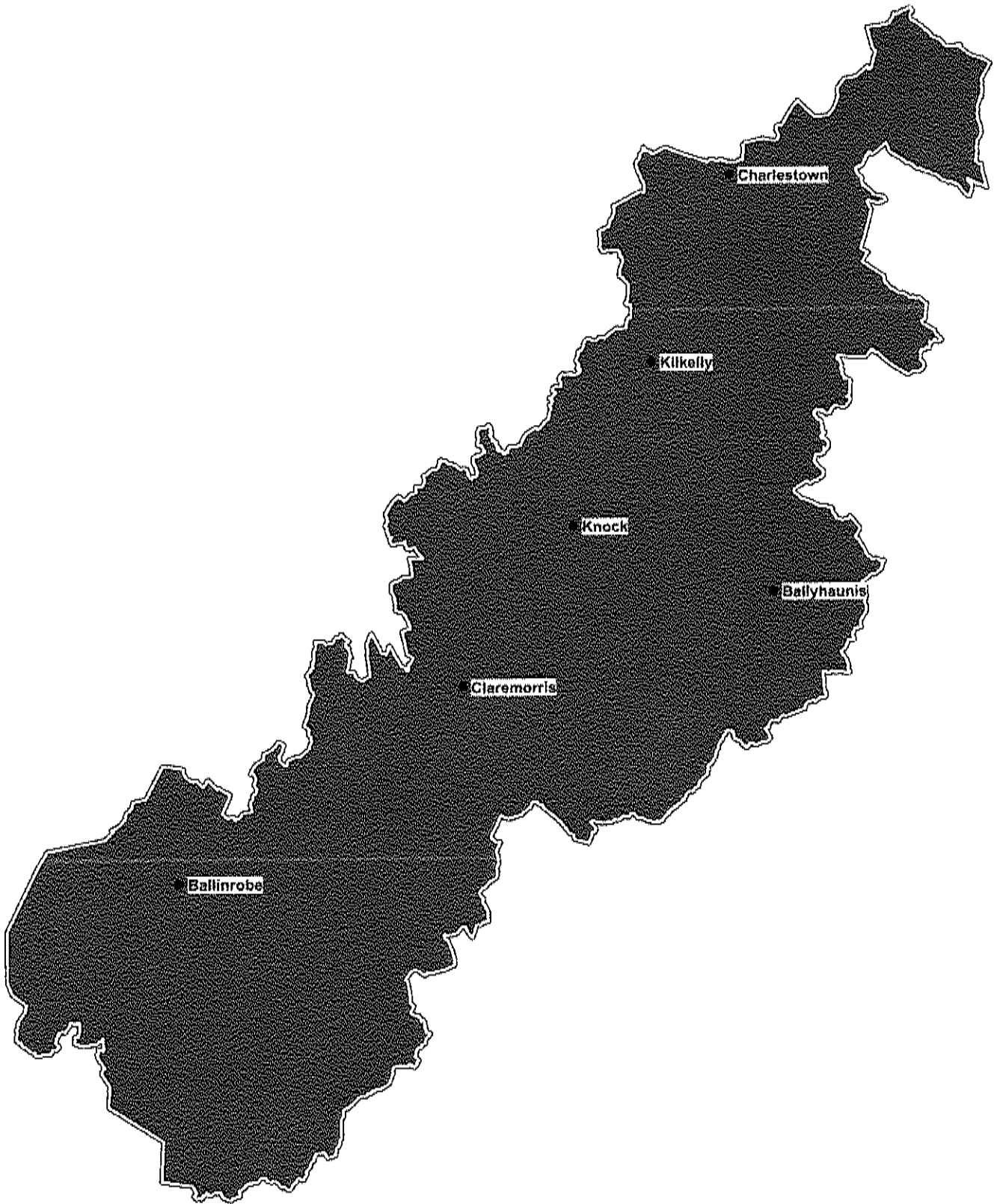


MISSION STATEMENT

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living in Mayo and enhance
the attractiveness of the
County as a place in which to live, work,
invest in
and enjoy”*



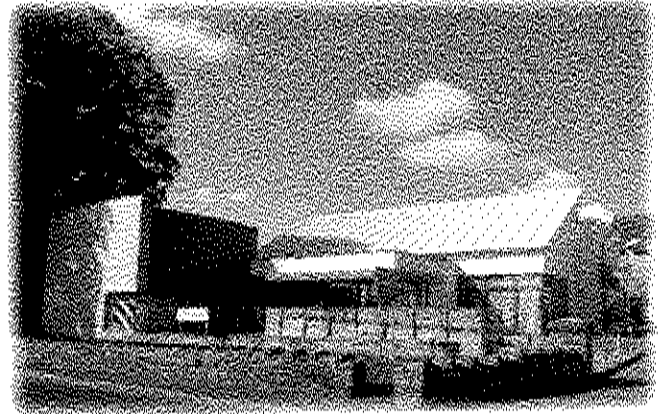
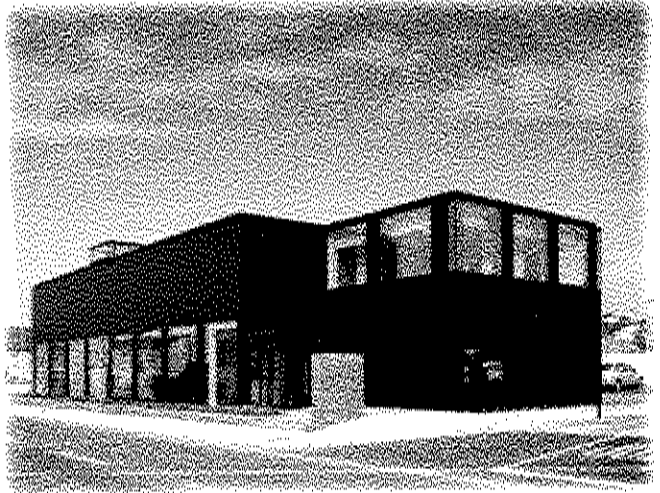
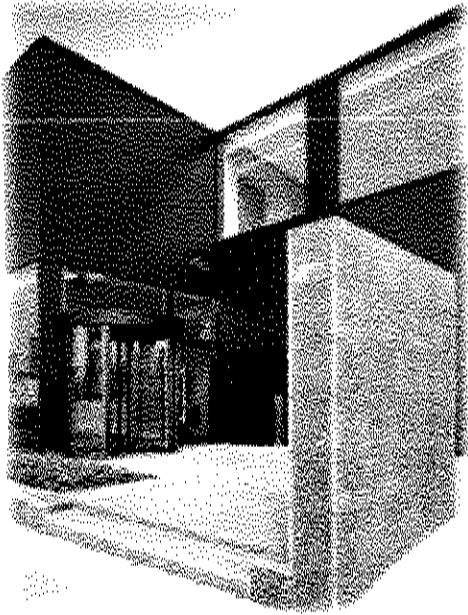
Claremorris Municipal District



Claremorris Municipal District - Major Towns



Claremorris Offices



Ballinrobe Offices



*Ms. Joanne Grehan
Director of Services*



*Mr. Padraic Flanagan
Senior Executive Officer
Head of Municipal District*



CLAREMORRIS MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

The Claremorris Municipal District Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 6th July 2016.

Cllr Tom Connolly was elected Cathaoirleach
Cllr Patsy O'Brien was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach

Elected Members of the Claremorris Municipal



***Cllr. Tom Connolly
Cathaoirleach***



***Cllr. Patsy O'Brien
Leas Cathaoirleach***



Cllr. Richard Finn



Cllr. John Cribbin



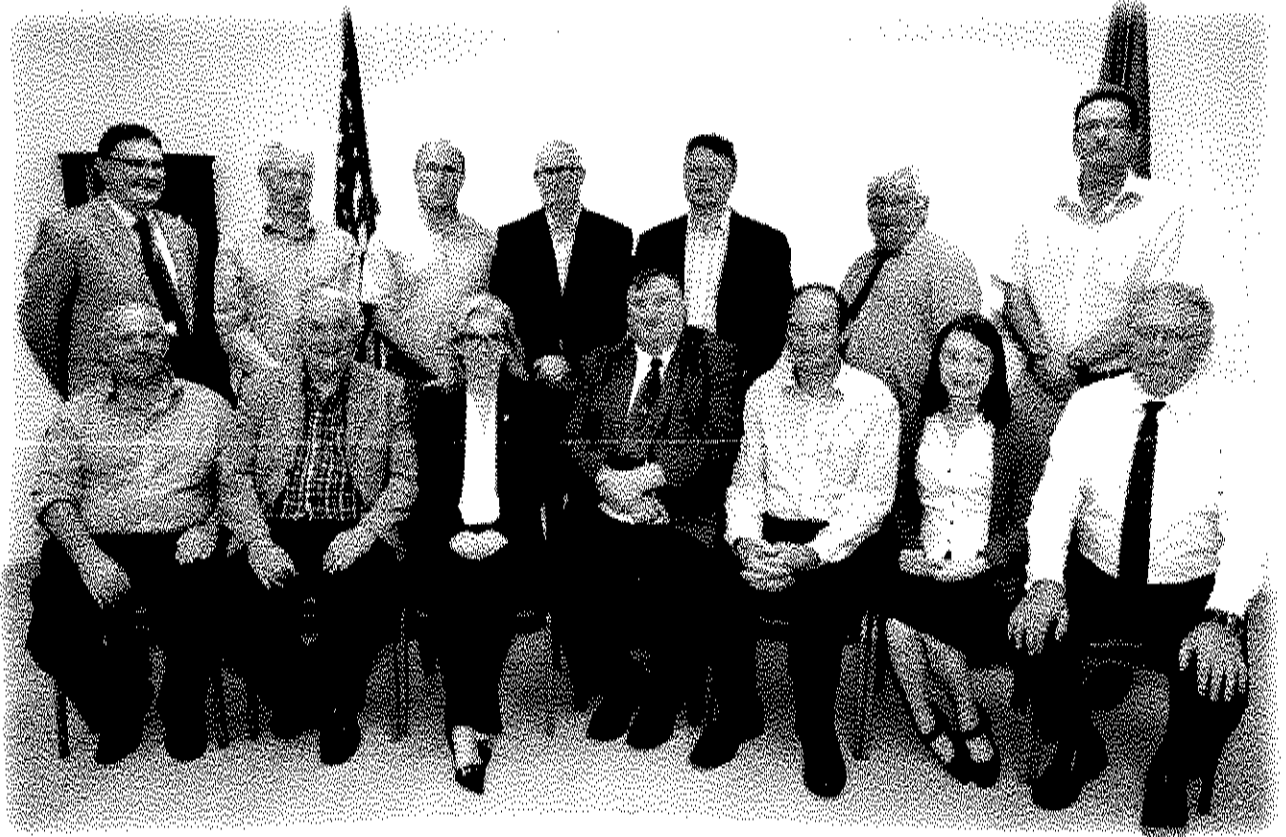
Cllr. Gerry Murray



Cllr. John Caulfield



Cllr. Damien Ryan



Claremorris Municipal District Meeting at Ireland West Airport



HOUSING

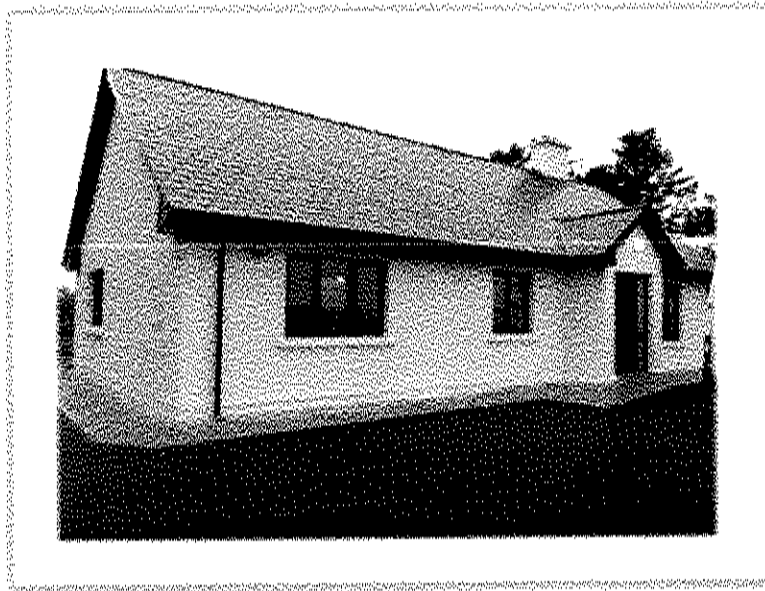
Introduction:

The core objectives of National Housing Policy have focused on the principal that every household will have access to secure good quality Housing suited to their needs at an affordable price in a sustainable community.

The key objectives focus on Affordability and Quality of Accommodation, Tenure Options and principals of Sustainable Communities.

In addition to the traditional provision of Local Authority Housing and Voluntary Housing (by Approved Housing Bodies), there has been an expansion of Schemes such as the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), the Social Housing Leasing Initiative (SHLI), and (HAP) Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

These Schemes continue to provide housing assistance (in addition to the Council's Social Housing Stock) during 2016, in order to meet demand for Social Housing. Engagement with the Voluntary/Co-Operative and private sectors in terms of meeting future social housing need is also being strongly promoted



***Local Authority
Rural Dwelling***

In the Claremorris Municipal District Area, Local Authority Housing Services are delivered through Local Authority Offices at:

Kilcolman Road, Claremorris 094 93 72310

Kilmaine Road, Ballinrobe 094 95 41111



Housing Stock:

As of 31st December 2016 there were 417 Units of Local Authority Housing Stock within the Claremorris Municipal District.

Voids Programme/Casual Vacancies:

The Voids Programme is funded by the Department of the Environment in order to return vacant and boarded up social housing units to productive use.

In addition Mayo County Council provides funding from internal receipts for these works. Following refurbishment works 25 houses were made available for letting in the Claremorris Municipal District.

Energy Efficiency Programme/Central Heating Programme:

The Energy Efficiency Programme was introduced by the Department of the Environment to assist Local Authorities in providing and funding works for upgrading the energy efficiency of tenanted dwellings.

The Central Heating programme was started in 2015 to provide central heating to older housing stock owned by Local Authorities. A number of properties were identified in the Claremorris District and works were carried out to 5 properties during 2016.

Housing Grant Schemes:

Mayo County Council continues to provide funding under the following three schemes:

- Housing Aid for Older People
- Mobility Aids
- Housing Adaptation for Persons with a Disability

84 properties were approved for funding in 2016 at an estimated cost of €478,000.

Refugee Resettlement Scheme:

This Scheme was introduced in 2016 under a national programme for housing refugees from Syria. A number of families were provided with accommodation in the towns of Castlebar, Claremorris and Westport.



Voluntary Housing/Approved Housing Bodies

There are a number of Voluntary Housing Schemes managed by Approved Housing Bodies within the Claremorris Municipal District:

Aghamore Voluntary Housing Association
Brickens Housing Association
Charlestown Elderly Housing
St. Vincent de Paul/Ozanam Trust
Cluid Housing Association, Claremorris
Kilmovee Community Housing
Tooreen Housing Association.
St Vincent de Paul Society, Ballinrobe.
Claremorris Voluntary Housing Organisation
Western Care Association, Suaimhneas, Ballinrobe
Western Care Association, Cois Roba, Balinrobe
Western Care Association, Aisling Gheal, Ballinrobe

Ballyhaunis Social Housing Association
Carracastle Voluntary Housing Association
Clar IRD Claremorris
Clar ICH, Claremorris
Irishtown Housing Association
Knock Shrine Association
Western Care Association, Ballyhaunis

Refurbishment of Parkview, Charlestown

This Project has resulted in a reduction in the number of housing units in Parkview Estate from 42 to 35. The overall mix of 35 Tenant/Owner Occupied housing units now have enhanced energy efficiency through the provision of

- Increased wall and roof insulation
- Insulation to new water tanks and hot water pipes
- Solar panels to suitably oriented units.

This project has resulted in a major transformation of a Housing Estate which was in considerable decline, where tenancies could not be allocated or sustained. The Estate is now a much sought after location for those seeking Local Authority Dwelling in the Charlestown Area.



Parkview Charlestown



Traveller Accommodation:

Mayo County Council has continued to provide for the Accommodation needs of Travellers using the full range of Housing Options available. Very significant progress has been made in this area since the first Accommodation Plan was adopted.



Laveymore Charlestown

Radon Testing

Mayo County Council provide funding to continue its Radon Survey and Remediation Work in its existing stock.

This has seen the completion of remediation works and re-surveying required for Council Houses in Claremorris Town and in particular at Lui na Greine and Barr na hAille Housing Developments.

Work also commenced on the carrying out of further Radon Surveying in Ballinrobe Town, particularly at Church View in the town. Previous sample surveys carried out in Ballinrobe did not reveal a particularly high level of Radon Gas at the location but as a precaution, the Council surveyed all of its houses in the area and carried out any necessary remediation works required.

The programme also advised Tenants of the potential aspects of Radon Works needed to reduce any potential harmful effects

Septic Tanks

With the registration process for septic tanks completed, attention has been focused on ensuring that a yearly programme is initiated to ensure that all Local Authority Dwellings using a septic tank meet the required standard.



An inspection programme will continue until the full extent of the requirements are known. Provision is made in the Budget for a programme of works and this is to continue ensuring that problematic tanks were targeted for remedial works.

2016 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme:

The Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme was introduced in January 2016 in order that tenants of Local Authority Houses can purchase their property. The Scheme is currently under review.

Walk-in Planning Clinics. Continue to be held each Wednesday morning at Ballinrobe and Claremorris Offices. The Clinics are administered on a first come-first served basis, and they have eliminated waiting times for consultations with Planners. They also reduce the number of telephone and written queries to the Planning Office as the Planners are available for consultations with the public on a weekly basis.





WATER SERVICES

Irish Water:

The complete re-organisation of the Water Sector nationwide and the establishment of a national Water Utility is the biggest single change to the Local Government Sector since the establishment of the Local Authority System in 1898. It involved -

- The establishment of a new Water Utility (Irish Water) to take over responsibility for the delivery of Water Services.
- The introduction of a sustainable funding model to support increased investment in Water Services to underpin job creation and statutory compliance.
- The introduction of independent economic regulation of the Water Sector under the Commission on Energy Regulation.
- The introduction of a charging regime for Domestic Consumers

Irish Water was established on 1st January 2014, Mayo County Council's Water Services assets and liabilities transferred to Irish Water in accordance with legislation enacted. Mayo County Council will operate and maintain the Public Water Services in County Mayo on behalf of Irish Water under the terms of a Service Level Agreement signed.



Ballinrobe Water Towers

Mayo County Council will continue to have a role in the planning of Water Services Investment Programmes and the final decision on the priority of schemes will be made by Irish Water.

Mayo County Council Staff in the Claremorris Municipal District continued to operate and maintain all of the Water Services infrastructure in the District during 2016.

- **Water Service Capital Programme:**
Schemes in progress in 2016 in Claremorris Municipal District:
Water Conservation Package 4 –Taugheen and extension of Lough Mask to Castlereagh Environs.

Schemes to commence in 2016/2017

Belmullet, Foxford, Charlestown Sewerage Scheme – DBO Bundle

An Annual Service Plan detailing the operation and maintenance of each Water and Sewerage Scheme was also agreed with Irish Water. The plan sets out all necessary works to be undertaken so as to comply with Drinking Water Standards and Statutory Regulations in the Water Services domain.



Planning and Economic Development

The emphasis within the Planning Section has dramatically changed from the Planning Control function (processing of planning applications) to assisting development by working closely with Developers, Receivers and Liquidators and by agreeing programmes of work to secure the satisfactory completion of Estates up to a standard to have them taken in charge by the Council.

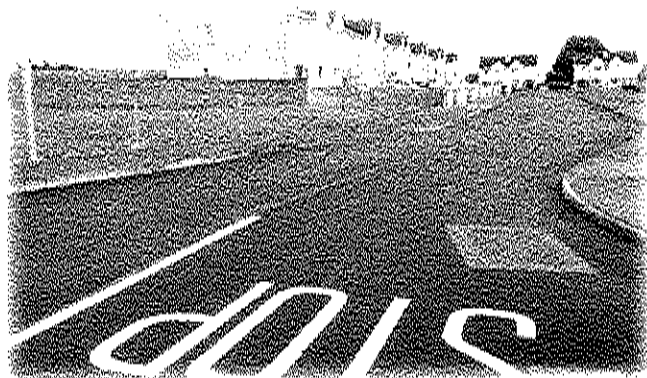
Mayo County Council have taken in Charge the following Estates in Claremorris Municipal District

Cluain Aoibhinn, Claremorris
Beechpark Claremorris
St. John's Villas, Claremorris
Cherryvale, Ballyhaunis
Ard Clare, Claremorris
Millbrook Close Claremorris

Springdale, Claremorris
Kilbeg Claremorris
Carrowmore Drive, Knock
The Lawn, Claremorris
Elm Park, Claremorris
Rushbrook Claremorris



Old Racecourse Ballyhaunis
(Before and After)



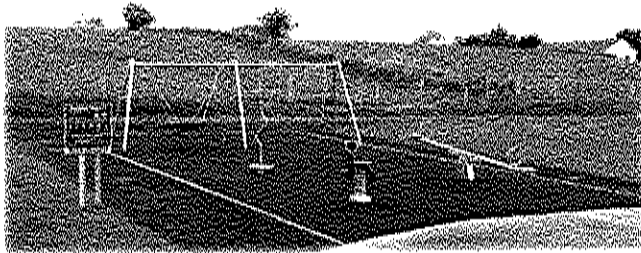
Old Racecourse Ballyhaunis
Ashford Court Claremorris
Claremount Manor Claremorris
College Green Claremorris

Bracklaghboy Ballyhaunis
Elm Wood Claremorris,
Lisbaun Claremorris,
Foxglove Drive Ballyhaunis,



Abbeyvale Ballyhaunis
Hazel Woods Ballyhaunis
Hazelhill Downs Ballyhaunis
The Maples, Ballyhaunis
Manor Brook Ballyhaunis
Grattan Avenue Claremorris
Grattan Crescent Claremorris
Grattan Manor Claremorris

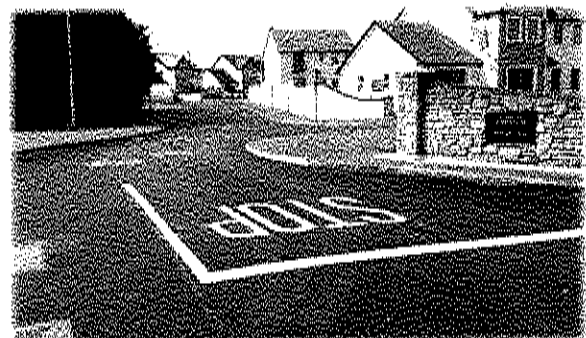
Hazel Lawns, Ballyhaunis,
Hazel court Ballyhaunis,
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The Fairgreen, Charlestown
Churchfield lawns Knock
Grattan Close Claremorris
Grattan Park, Claremorris
Lisnaboley Lane, Claremorris
Glendale Claremorris
Cuairt na Ciarraidhe Claremorris
Ballinvilla Dunmor Road Irishtown
Dry Mill Lawns, Irishtown
Drumerest Knock
An Cladrach Ballinrobe
Ballymartin Kilmaine,
Churchfields Shrle
Hawthorn Place, Ballinrobe
Ros Clogher Ballinrobe



New Playground at Bracklaghboy Village

Clos Caoin Claremorris
Manor Quarter Knock
Carramore Meadows Knock
An Lantan Ballinrobe
River View Ballinrobe
Carraig Dun Ballinrobe
Cranmore Ballinrobe
Railway Court Ballinrobe
Mayfield Court, Ballinrobe
Hazel Court, Ballinrobe
Teallach Roba, Ballinrobe
Sarsfield Manor, Charlestown
Riverwalk, Charlestown
Cois Abhainn, Kilmovee

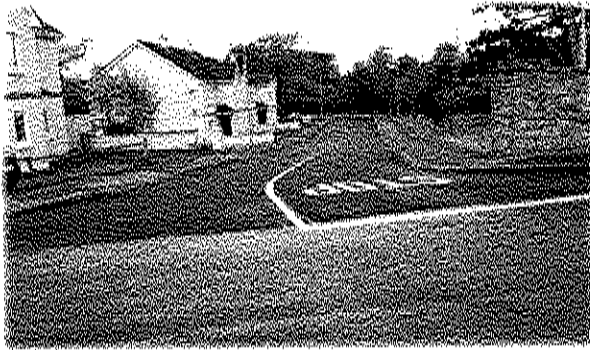
Lakeview Claremorris
Ballinvilla Estate, Irishtown
Beechpark Claremorris
St. Ledgers Court Shrle
Corr & Gort na gCloch, Ballinrobe
An Geagain Ballinrobe
Lecka Grove Ballinrobe
Rathkelly Close, Ballinrobe
Waterside, Ballinrobe
Brewery Court, Ballinrobe
Colemans Court, Shrle
Sarsfield Crescent, Charlestown
Culmore Grove, Kilkelly



Bracklaghboy Village (Before and After)

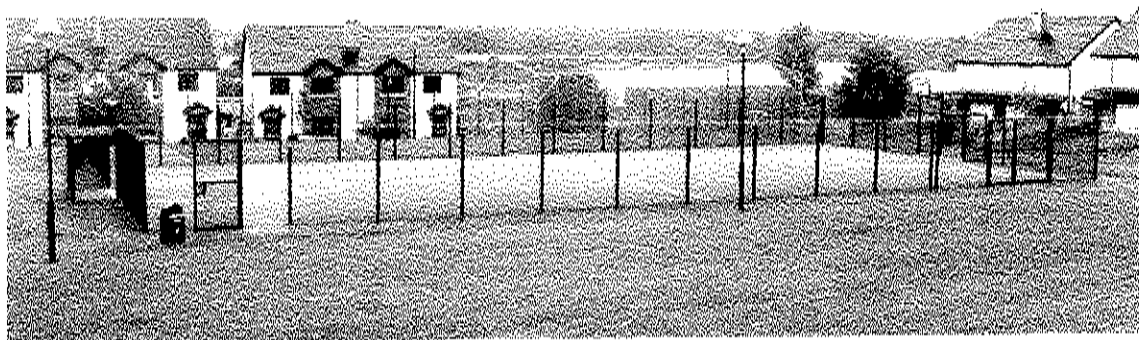


This has improved the standard of Housing Estates throughout the Claremorris Municipal District and also improved the local environment for very many residents. It has also eliminated many Health and Safety Risks on sites through the reduction in the number of unfinished Estates.



Esker Pines (Before and After)

The Maples Playground

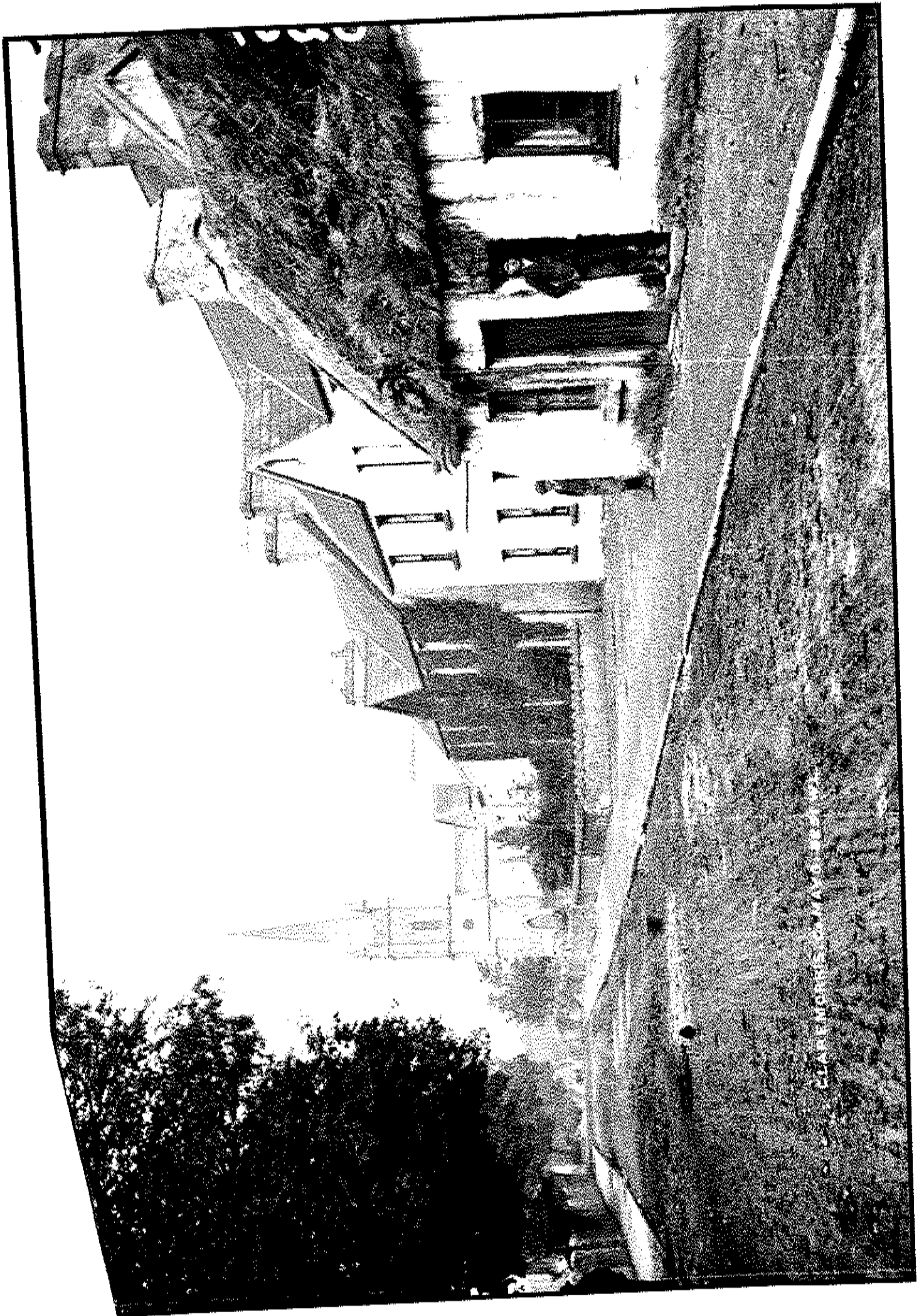


The Maples MUGA and Cricket Pitch

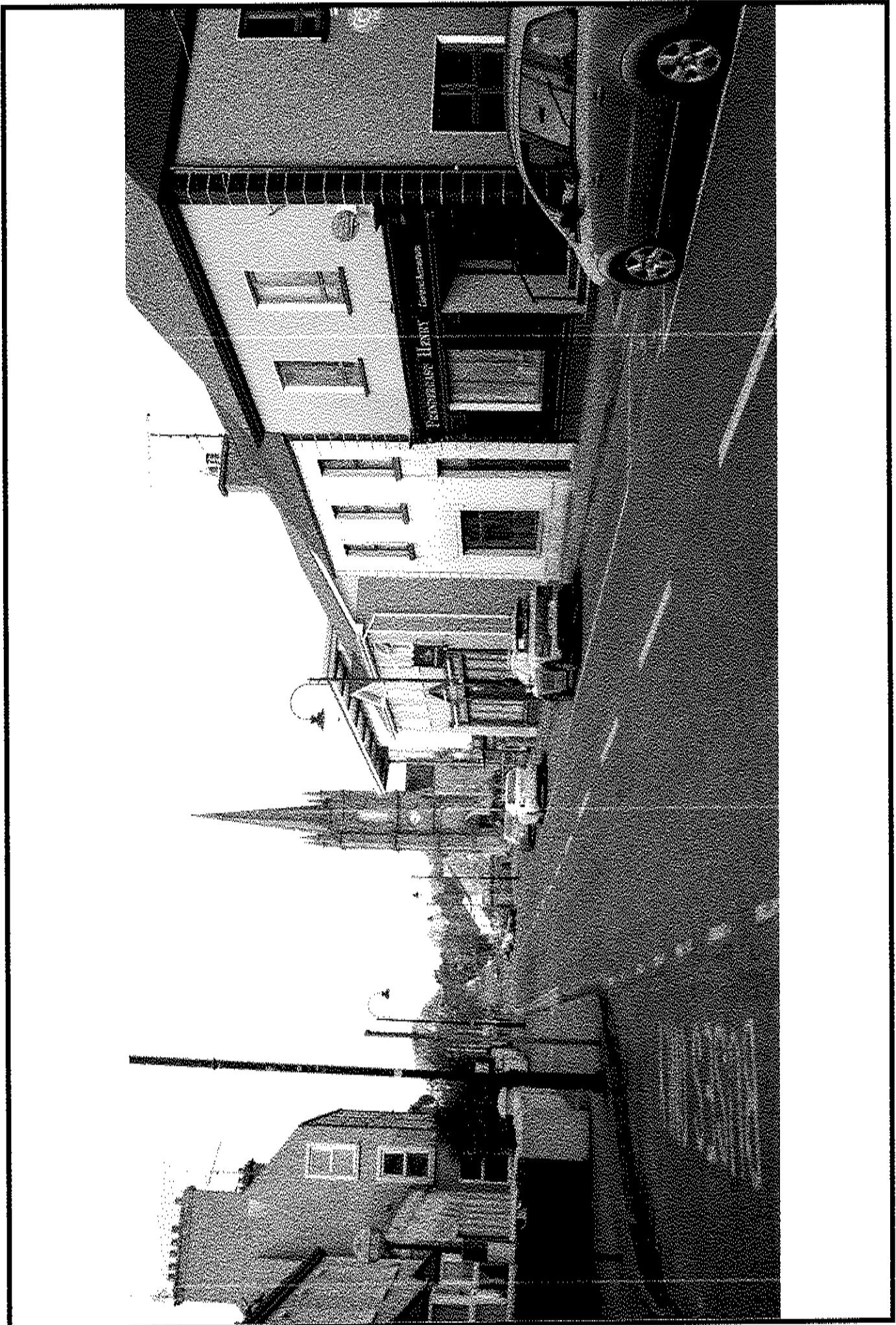


Groundworks at the new Claremorris MUGA





CLARE MORRIS, DANA GARDNER





ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Details of the 2016 Road Works Scheme in respect of the Claremorris Electoral Area is as follows:-

NATIONAL PRIMARY ROADS

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
		<i>General Maintenance</i>	
N5/N17	54 km	National Primary Roads	€150,909
		Total	€150,909
		<i>Winter Maintenance</i>	
N5/N17		Salt/Gritting	€81,200
		Total	€81,200

NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
		<i>General Maintenance</i>	
N60/N83/N84	74 km	National Primary Roads	€131,434
		Total	€131,434
		<i>Winter Maintenance</i>	
N60/N83/N84		Salt/Gritting	€63,7100
		Total	€63,7100



REGIONAL ROADS - General Maintenance

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
R293/R300/R320/R323/R327/R328/R329/R330/R331/R332/R334/R335/R346/R929	136km	General Maintenance	€232,540
		Total	€232,540
		Winter Maintenance	
		Salt/Gritting	€104,514
		Total	€104,514

REGIONAL ROADS - Restoration Maintenance
(Surface Dressing)

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
R331	2470m/16000sqm	Clooncormick	€88,000
R320	2500m/16300sqm	Aghareville	€86,312
R322	500m/3500sqm	Woodfield	€20,000
R325	1000m/6000sqm	Clooncarha	€33,000
		Total	€227,312



REGIONAL ROADS - Restoration Improvement (Strengthening)

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
R345	1300m/8450sqm	Ballykine	€211,150
R334	1385m/9000sqm	Dowagh	€324,023
		Total	€535,173

REGIONAL ROADS - Other Works - Maintenance

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
R375		Footpaths at Kilkelly	€10,000
R334, R332, R331		Signage and Lining	€17,800
R329		Knock Village Footpaths	€20,000
R293		Junction at Lisbaun East	€11,600
		Total	€59,400

REGIONAL ROADS - Specific Improvement Schemes

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
R346		Cong / Cross	€400,000
		Total	€400,000

REGIONAL ROADS - Bridge Rehabilitation

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
R293		Classaghroe, Ballyhaunis	€136,200
R331		Knockananeel, Claremorris	€30,000
		Total	€166,200



LOCAL ROADS General Maintenance

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
	<i>1,500 km</i>	Local Roads OR	€241,983
		Local Roads DMG	€549,849
		Verge Trimming / Hedgecutting	€26,931
		<i>Ineligible Expenditure</i>	€150,700
		Total	€969,463

LOCAL ROADS - Local Road Improvement

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
LT-19124		Car Park Ballyhaunis	€20,000
LP-1331		Charlestown Footpaths	€16,127
		Total	€36,127

LOCAL ROADS ROADS - Low Cost Safety

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
LP-1331		LowPark (old N5)	€30,000
		Total	€30,000



LOCAL ROADS ROADS - Restoration Maintenance
(Surface Dressing)

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
LP-1511	1300m/5600sqm	Woodstock	€25,200
LP-1918	1000m/4500sqm	Addergoole	€20,000
LS-55546	800m/3200sqm	Cloonmore	€14,000
LS-55546	1700m/4500sqm	Drumaderry	€35,000
LT-55574	2100m/7400sqm	Leo	€33,161
LS-5947	2400m/14500sqm	Kilgarriff	€45,000
LT-15035	1200m/4200sqm	Derry	€20,000
LT-55455	600m/2100sqm	Murneen South	€9,450
LT-55556	600m/2100sqm	Murneen South	€9,450
LT-59453	1400m/4800sqm	Aghtaboy	€21,673
LP-1303	3850m/14450sqm	Killaturly	€65,003
LT-59041	1770m/5320sqm	Derrybrack	€23,936
LS-5941	1685m/5050sqm	Falleighter	€22,721
LT-19161	2510m/7540sqm	Kilmore	€33,912
LT-19135	1125m/3375sqm	Caher	€15,188
LP-1616	1400m/9100sqm	Dalgan (Dalgan Road)	€40,950
LS-56515	1200m/4200sqm	Ballyjennings	€18,900
LT-16126	1100m/3050sqm	Rahard	€17,325
LT-56603	1800m/6300sqm	Bilypark	€28,350
LS-5652	1400m/4900sqm	Tullyduff	€22,050
LS-6666	1000m/3850sqm	Gortatober	€17,325
LT-56668	1000m/3500sqm	Gortbrack	€15,750
		Total	€554,344



LOCAL ROADS ROADS - Restoration Maintenance
(Surface Dressing Cllrs Special Allocations)

<i>Route No</i>	<i>Length/Area</i>	<i>Details of work</i>	<i>Cost</i>
LS-5570	230m/800sq.m.	Cloondace	€3,600
LT-55432	480m/1560sq.m.	Ballinlough	€7,000
LT-55493	200m/780sq.m.	Ballinphuill	€3,500
LT-15117	535m/1560sq.m.	Cuillaun	€7,000
LT-55324	175m/668sq.m.	Devlin	€3,000
LT-15085	250m/760sq.m.	Curraghadoeey	€3,400
LT-55604	835m/2670sq.m.	Meelick	€12,000
LT-55452	605m/2110sq.m.	Murneen	€9,500
LT-55324	350m/1335sq.m.	Devlin	€6,000
LT-56492	320m/1055sq.m.	Rocksborough	€4,755
LT-25091	355m/1000sq.m.	Skehavaud	€4,500
LT-16153	120m/480sq.m.	Brodullagh South	€2,160
LT-16083	175m/630sq.m.	Clareen	€2,835
LT-55324	175m/668sq.m.	Devlin	€3,000
LT-26118	800m/2400sq.m.	Roos	€10,250
LT-25034	335m/1760sq.m.	Lissaniska	€8,000
LT-59331	500m/1500sq.m.	Crossard	€6,750
LS-5555	810m/2835sq.m.	Cottage	€12,750
LT-16118	860m/3000sq.m.	Cavan	€13,500
LT-16093	900m/3110sq.m.	Caherwiclaun	€14,000
LS-5929	500m/1500sq.m.	Derry Tavraun	€6,750
LS-5941	740m/2220sq.m.	Falleighter	€9,950
LS-5334	800m/2400sq.m.	Cuilmore	€10,800
LT-13075	1310m/3930sq.m.	Doocastle	€17,685
LT-3432	270m/820sq.m.	Ballindoo	€3,672
LS-5340	455m/1365sq.m.	Srah Upper	€6,143
		Total	€192,500



**LOCAL ROADS - Restoration Improvement
(Strengthening)**

Route No	Length/Area	Details of work	Cost
LT-56413	860m/3000sq.m	Seefin	€60,000
LS-5560	800m/3000sq.m	Kilvine	€40,000
LS-5572	1200m/4000sq.m	Cloonconor	€60,000
LS-5545	1400m/5000sq.m	Tawnaghlahard	€70,871
LP-1917	625m/2500sq.m	Coogue	€50,000
LT-75014	450m/2750sq.m	Ard Clár	€60,000
LT-55382	600m/2000sq.m	Gortfadda	€30,000
LS-5547	1600m/5400sq.m	Ballyhowley	€60,000
LS-5937	1000m/3500sq.m	Bunnadober	€55,000
LS-5945	375m/1500sq.m	Cloontarriff	€30,000
LT-55604	1000m/3560sq.m	Meelick	€50,000
LS-5554	500m/2000sq.m	Levallyroe	€30,000
LT-15131	800m/2400sq.m	Carrowconor	€30,000
LT-5531	600m/2000sq.m	Derryfadda	€30,000
LS-5927	1280m/5850sq.m	Clooncarha	€57,645
LS-5949	2460m/7370sq.m	Derryclaha	€110,520
LS-5920	1630m/4900sq.m	Glenmullynaha West	€73,395
LS-5922	2700m/8090sq.m	Cloonnamna	€121,275
LT-19084	600m/1800sq.m	Carrowlacka	€27,000
LT-59041	1350m/4050sq.m	Derrygay	€60,615
LS-5654	1000m/3500sq.m	Cloonairdeen	€52,500
LS-5644	200m/1200sq.m	Tawnaghbaun	€24,000
LP-1610	1500m/8250sq.m	Annefield	€165,000
LP-1616	1000m/5500sq.m	Ballycusheen	€110,000
LS-5659	1500m/6500sq.m	Ballyshingadaun	€97,425
		Total	€1,555,246



***R293 Classaghroe Bridge
Ballyhaunis / Loughlinn Road***

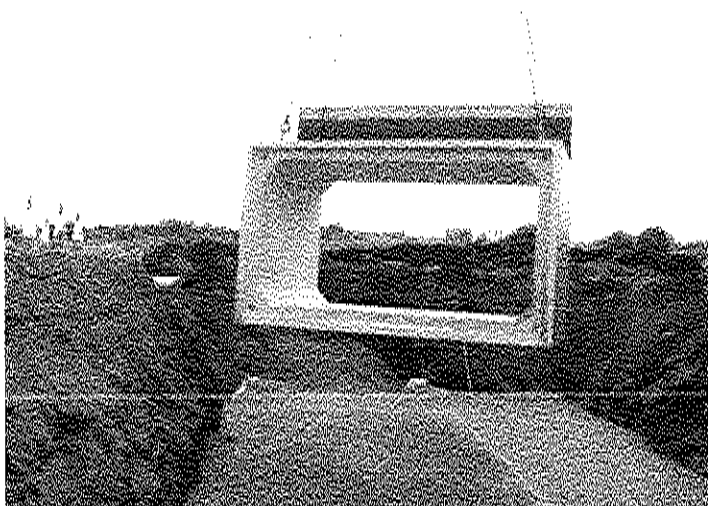
The works entailed demolition and removal of the old bridge. The works were undertaken by Direct Labour.



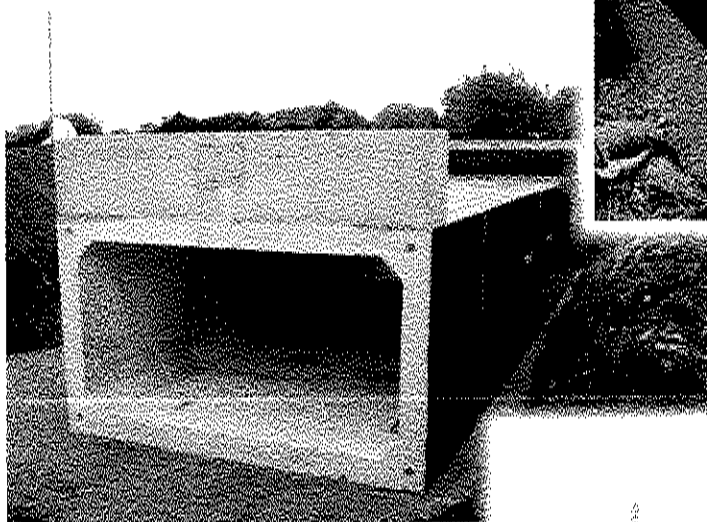
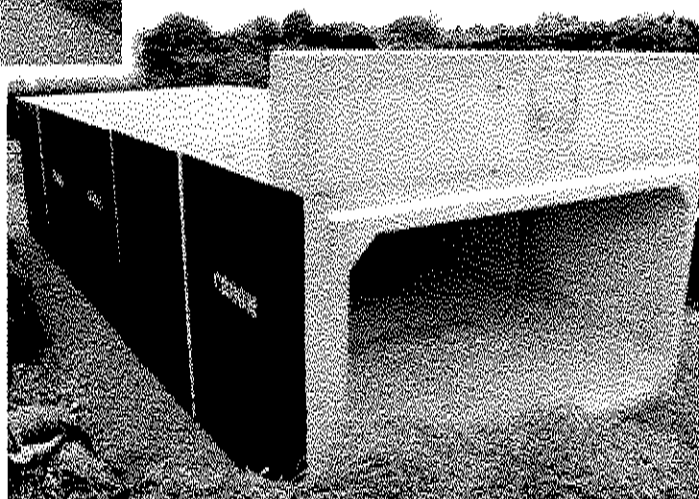
Completed Works



R293 Classaghroe Bridge



Placing of culvert sections



Finished Culvert





Footpath Construction at Rushbrook & Millbrook Housing Developments

*Footpath at Rushbrook,
Claremorris
Prior to works*



The works associated with the above involved the following;

Construction of a new footpath to service the Rushbrook & Millbrook housing developments

The safe removal and disposal of Japanese knotweed stands and associated contaminated soil from the site of a proposed footpath under the supervision of INVAS Biosecurity

Provision of public lighting, Provision of tactile crossings, Accommodation works to land and houses



Footpath at Rushbrook, Claremorris Completed works



Footpath Construction at Rushbrook & Millbrook Housing Developments



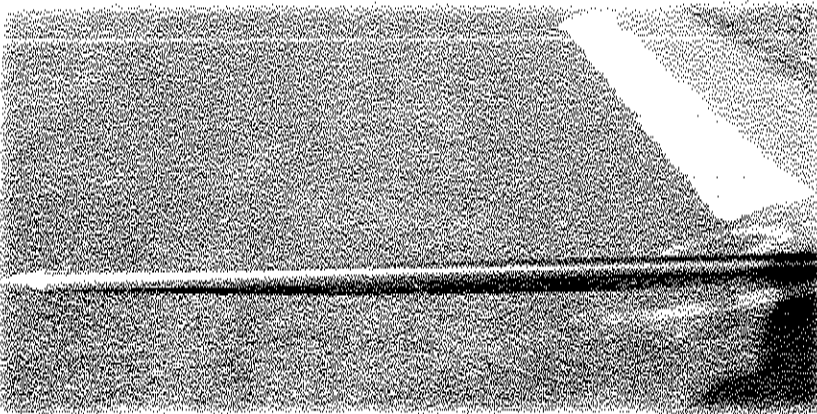
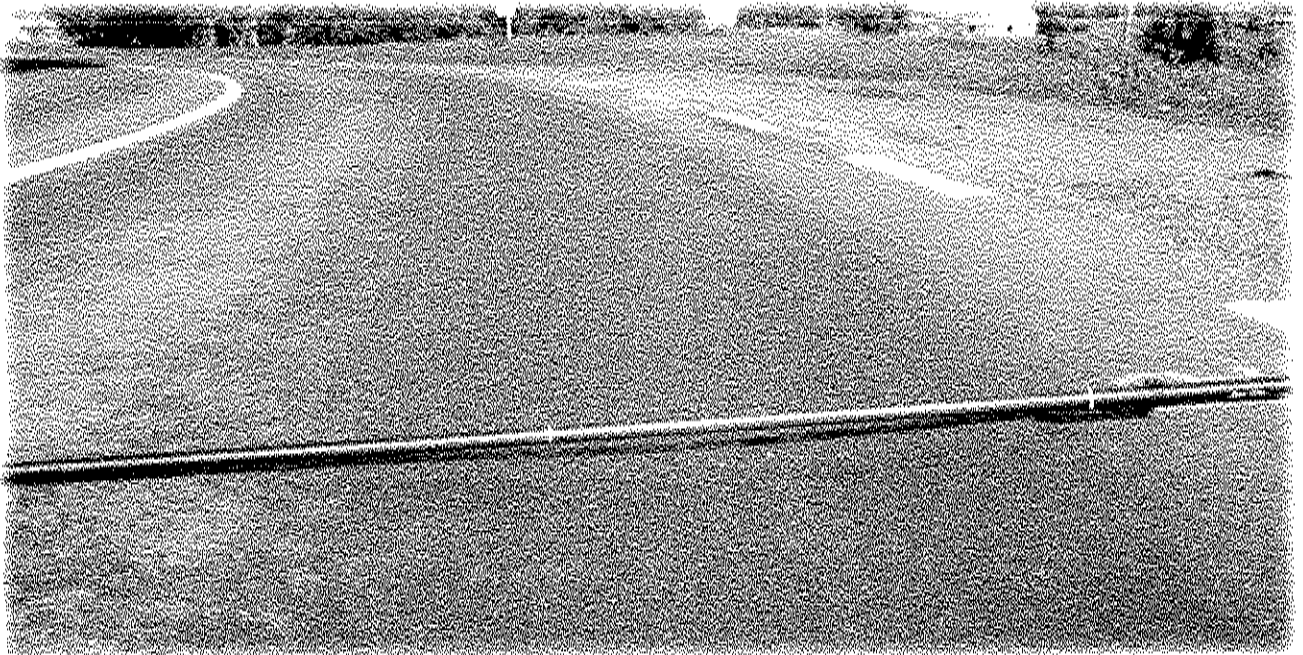
Footpath at Rushbrook, Claremorris - Prior to works



Footpath at Rushbrook, Claremorris - Completed works



Pavement Defects at Funshinaugh

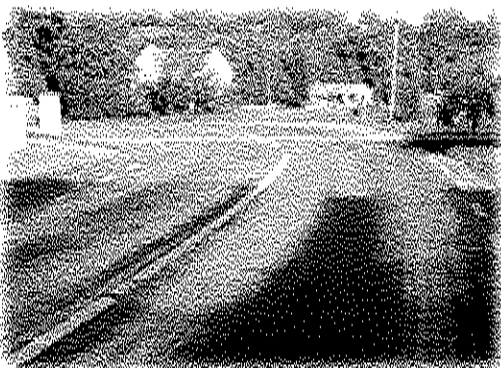


'Rutting Pavement Defect'

Displacement of material, creating channels in the wheel tracks. Uplifting may occur along the sides of the rutting. It is caused by traffic compacting or sideways movement or unstable material.

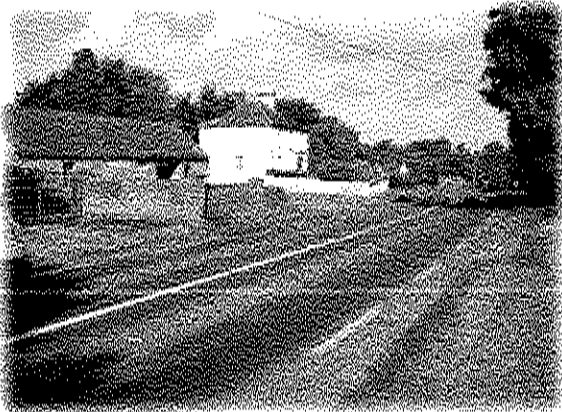
'Bleeding Pavement Defect'

Bleeding or fating up is a film of excess bitumen material on the pavement surface

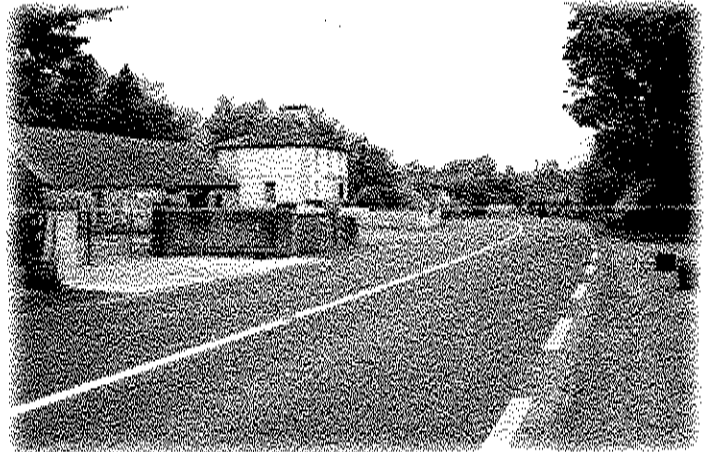




Pavement Strengthening Works at Funshinaugh



Prior to pavement works



Completed pavement works



Prior to pavement works



Completed pavement works



New Junction at Bushfield, Ballinrobe



Construction of New junction layout

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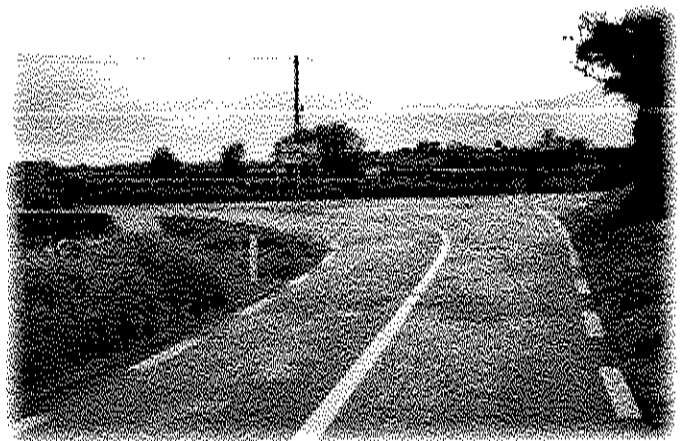
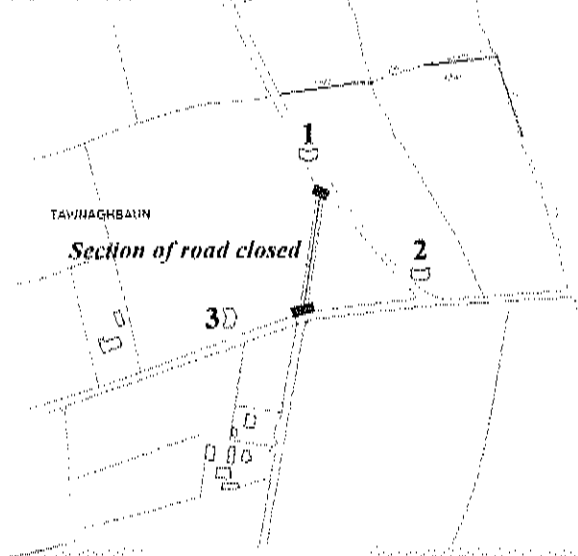


Photo 2



Photo 3



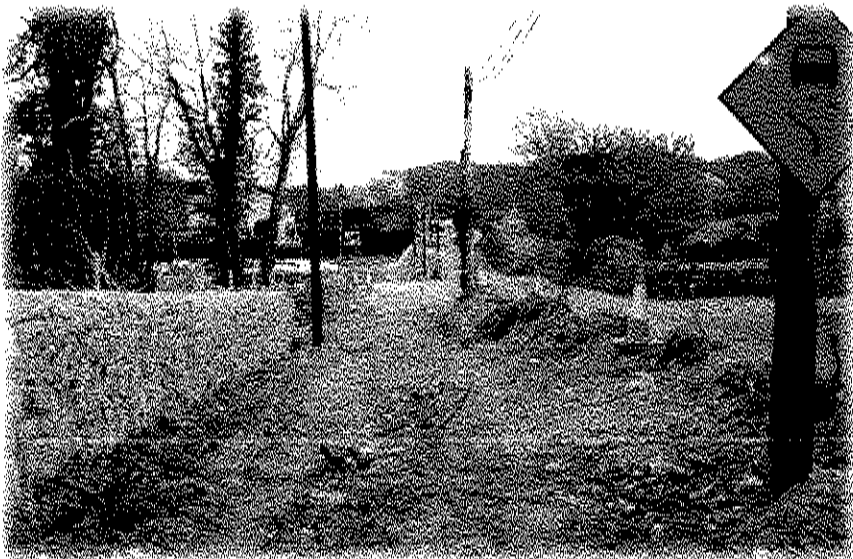
National Secondary Pavement Strengthening Works



*N60 Ballyhaunis / Ballinlough Road
pavement strengthening works at Kiltybo*



R346 Cross / Cong - Road Realignment - ongoing works



Construction of new boundary wall along land acquisition line, and relocation of existing Eir and ESB Networks overhead cables





LS 5659 - Road Pavement Strengthening Works at Ballyshingadaun, The Neale



Completed pavement strengthening works at The Neale National School



Completed pavement strengthening works taken from The Neale Junction



Low Cost Safety Schemes



*Low Cost Safety
Pedestrian Crossing, Lowpark Charlestown*



Flooding - Flooding in South Mayo Area

Following Storm Desmond in December, 2015, homes were flooded and villages were cut off. A large number of roads became impassable in the Cong, Cross, The Neale areas including the Ballinrobe to Galway Road at The Neale.

The townlands of Creevagh, Beechgrove, Ballyrouke and areas of Hollymount were flooded leaving families unable to leave their homes without assistance.

Mayo County Council's outdoor staff, local communities and the Civil Defence all provided assistance to persons affected due to flooding. Emergency housing was provided by Mayo County Council for a number of persons whose houses were flooded. Financial assistance was provided by the Community Welfare Officer of the Department of Social Protection.

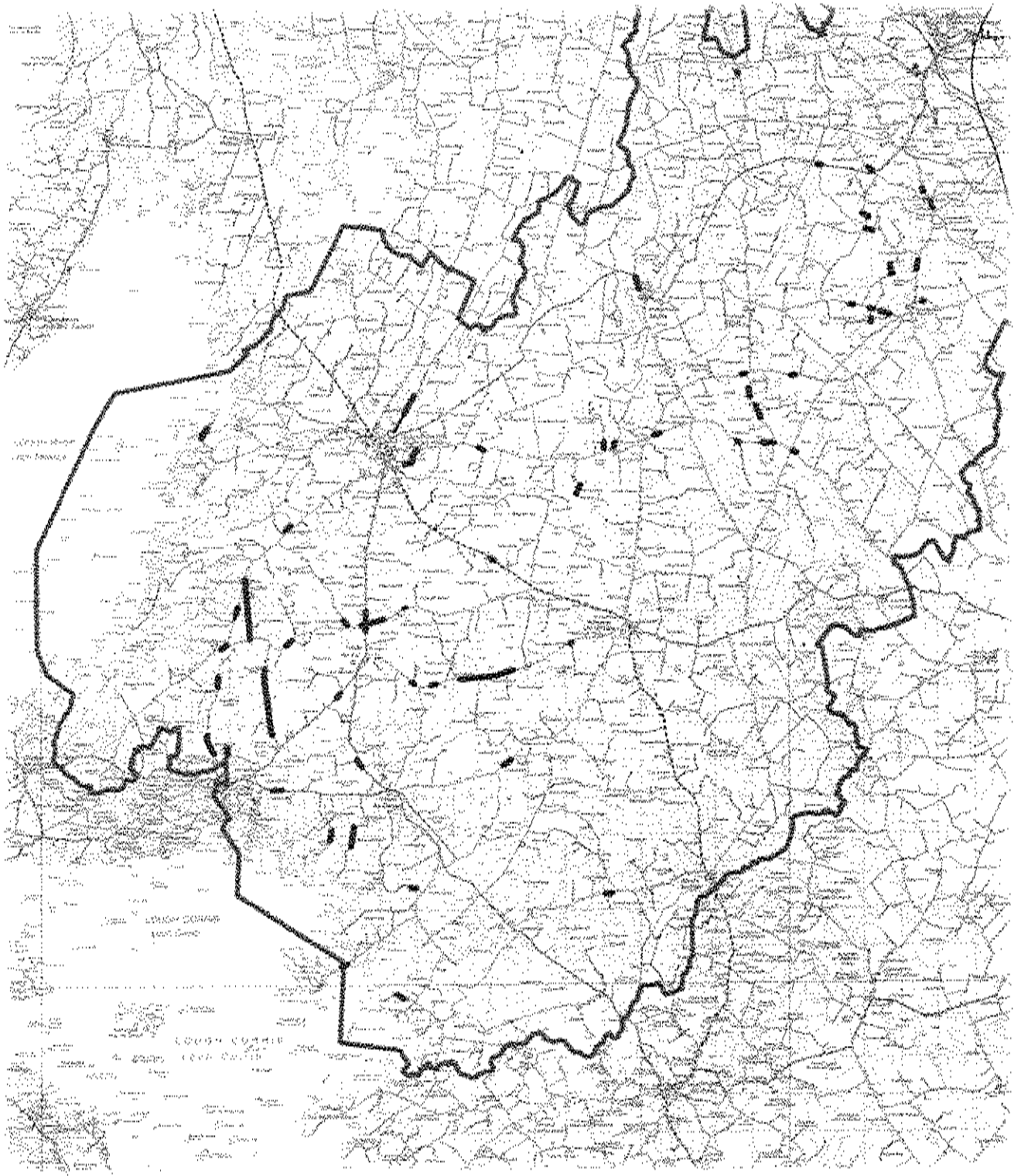
Funding of €2,450,000 has been provided by the Department of Transport in 2016 for Road Works to prevent further flooding in the Claremorris Municipal District



Creduff, Ballinrobe



Flooding Locations 2016, Ballinrobe



Locations of Flooding, Ballinrobe



Flooding at Kilglassan



Remedial Works at Kilglassan, which included raising of existing pavement and the building of a replacement parapet wall





Flooding at Ballywalter



Ballywalter prior to flooding

Extent of Flooding



Remedial Works at Ballywalter



R334 The Neale Cross - Flooding at Dowagh

Work to alleviate flooding was to install surface water drainage throughout the affected area of the R334, followed by pavement strengthening works which included raising the pavement level where necessary.



Flooding on the R334 at Dowagh



Completed pavement and drainage works on the R334 at Dowagh

Completed pavement works on the R334

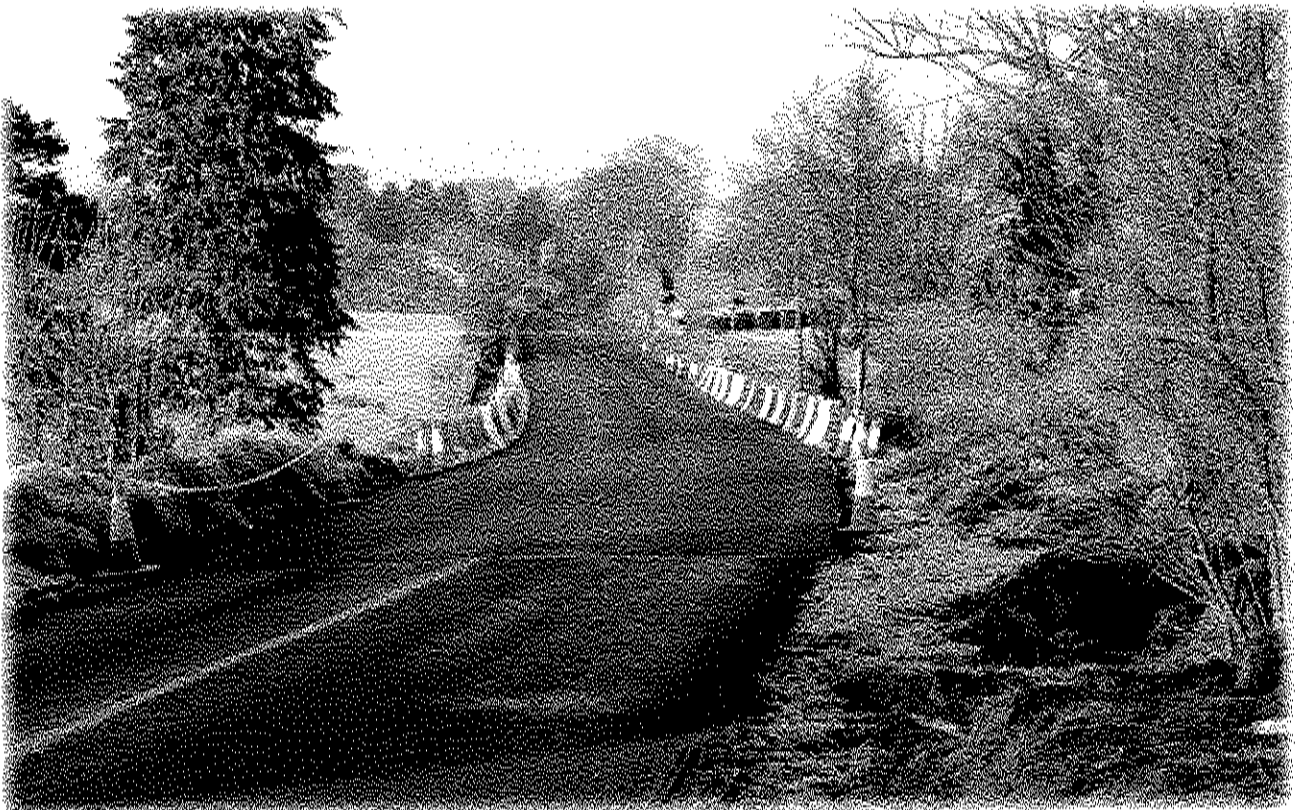




R327 Flooding Repairs at Tulrohaun Bridge



Tulrohaun Bridge, Claremorris—completed works



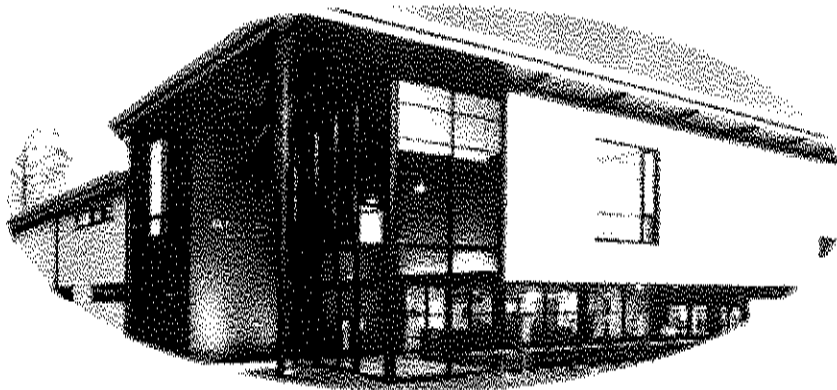
Tulrohaun Bridge, Claremorris - during works, prior to reinstatement of parapet walls



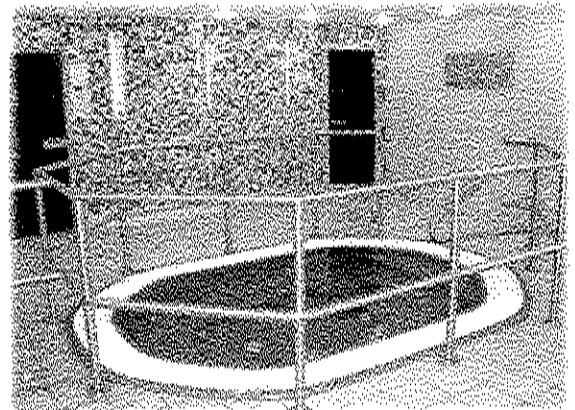
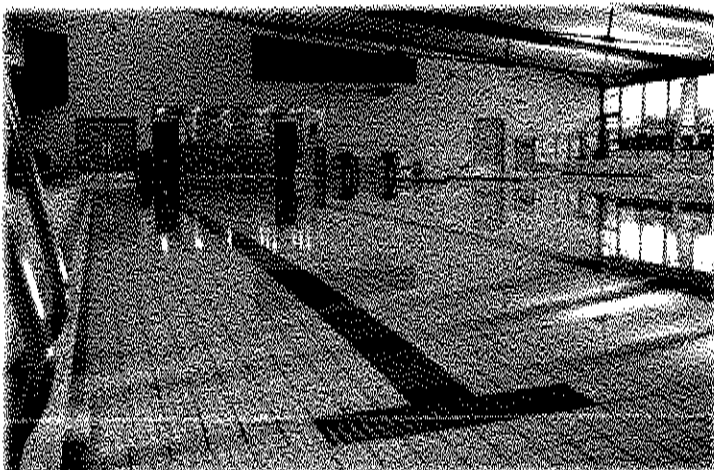
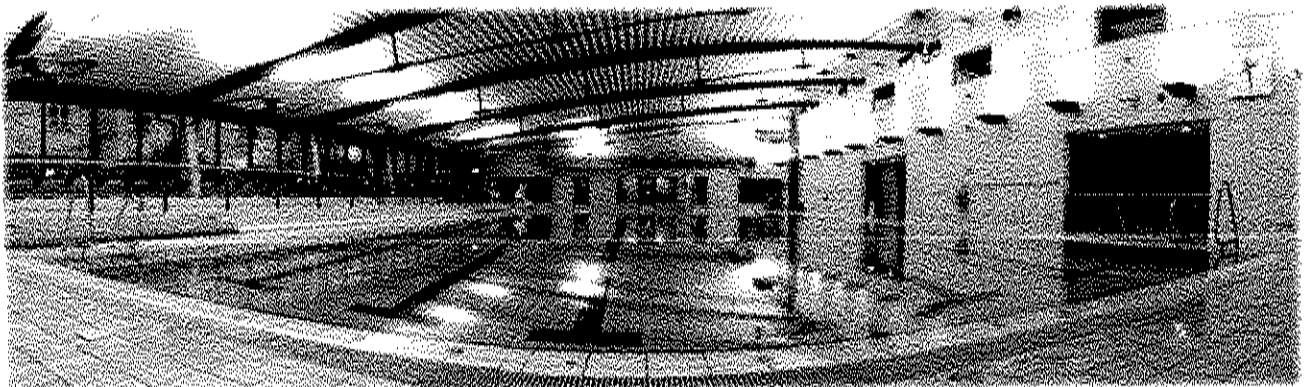
Swimming Pools

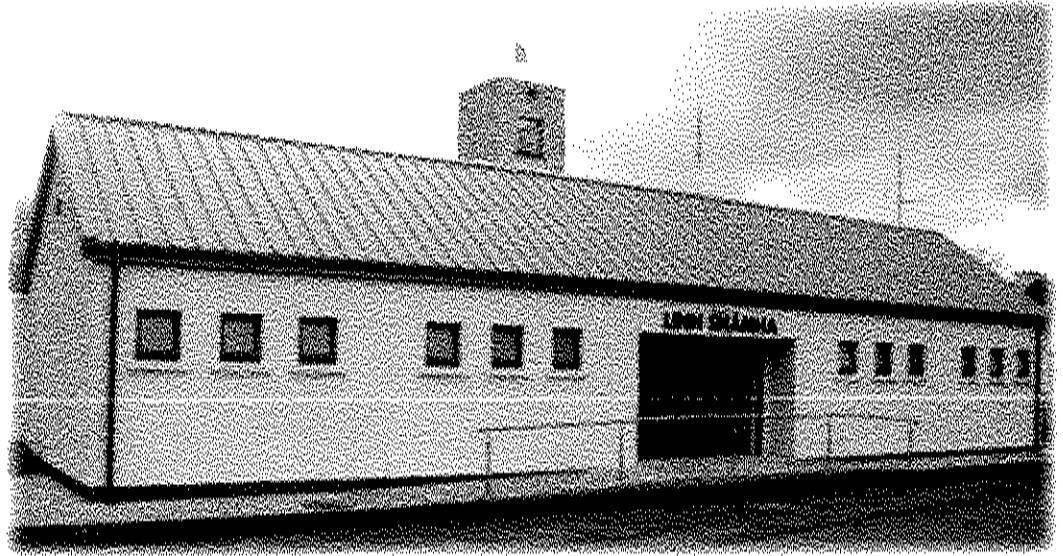
Mayo County Council provide Grant Aid to Swimming Pool committees for their Annual Operations at Ballyhaunis, Charlestown and Kilmovee Swimming Pools.

The Swimming Pool facility in Claremorris (Claremorris Leisure Facility) is operated by a Local Committee in conjunction with Mayo County Council.

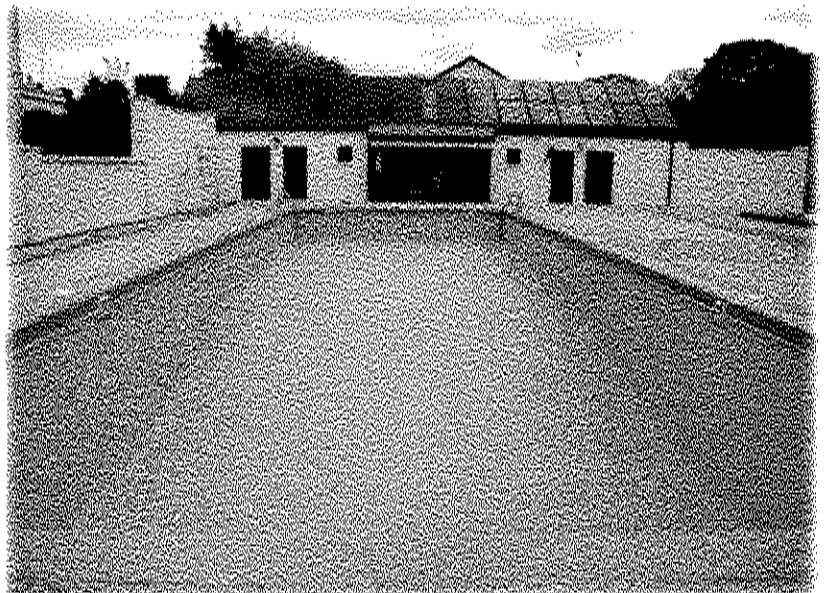


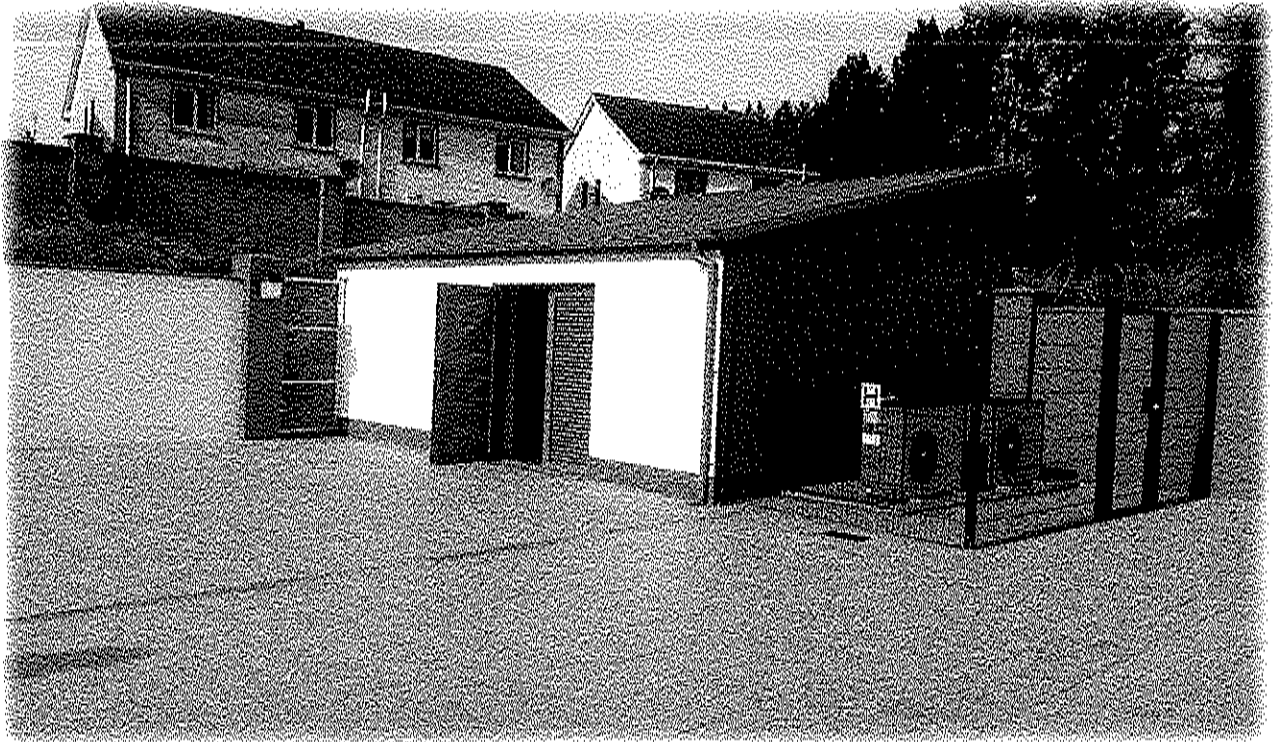
Claremorris Swimming Pool



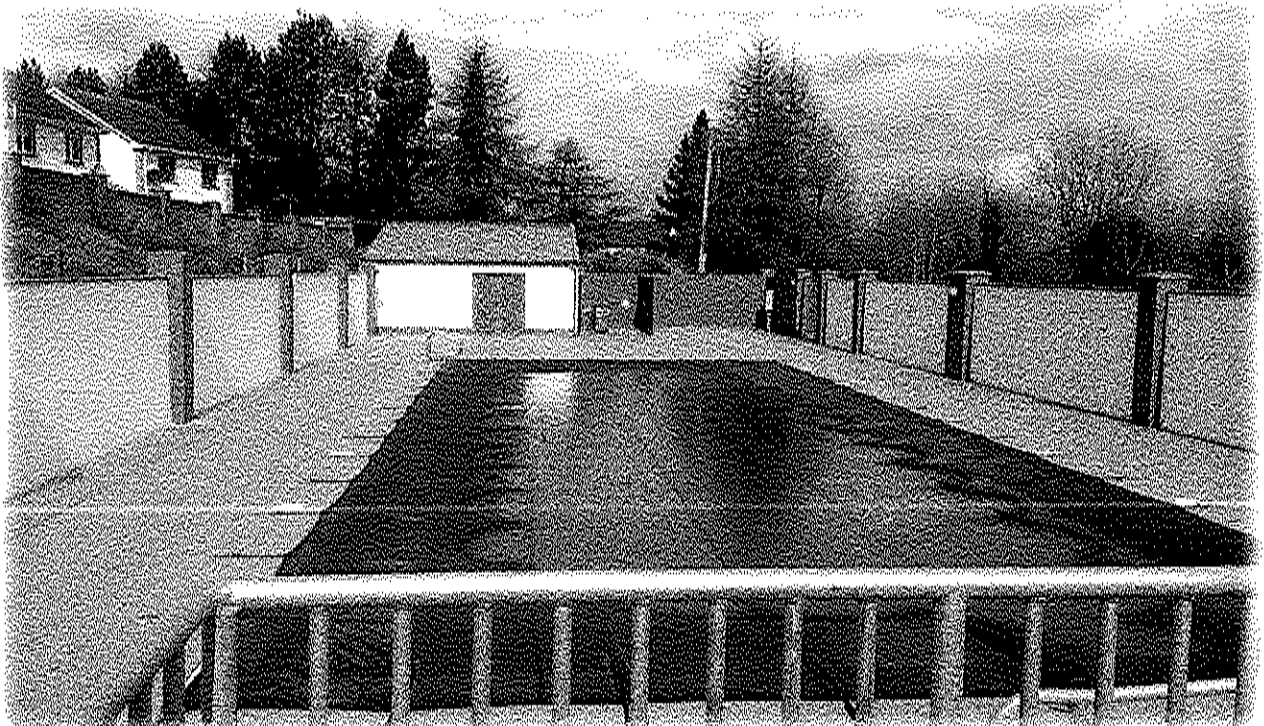


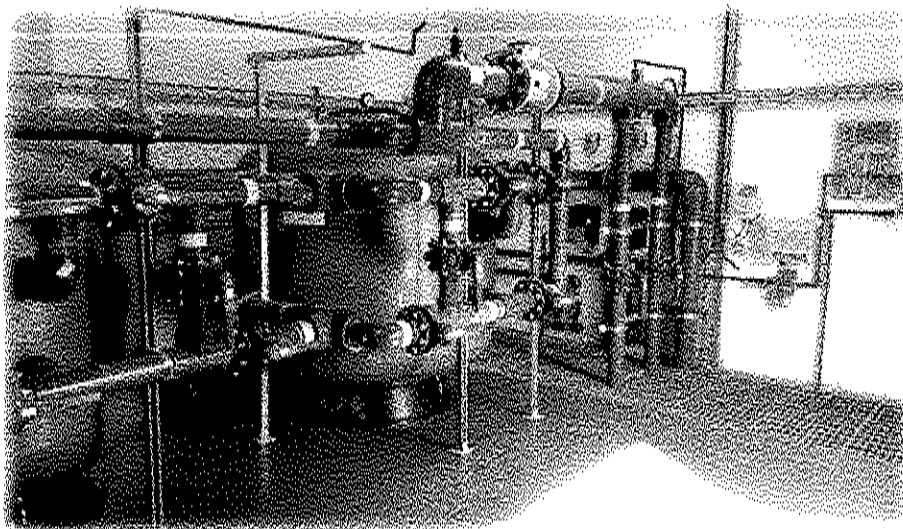
Ballyhaunis Swimming Pool





Refurbished Charlestown Swimming Pool





Charlestown Swimming Pool and Plant Room



ENVIRONMENT

The Claremorris Municipal District supported participants in the National Spring Clean, Cleaner Community Campaign and Litter Action League during 2016.

The Cleaner Community Campaign is a county wide competition and winners included voluntary groups from

Cleaner Community Campaign Results

Category 1 Blooming Lovely

This category is open to all communities who undertake brightening of their community through planting of flowers / shrubs and native trees

Ballindine Community achieved 3rd place



***Ballindine Community
Group***



Category 2 Sweep Your Street

This category is open to all Tidy Towns Committees, to encourage participants including residents to keep litter under control on their streets

Ballyhaunis achieved 2nd place

Charlestown achieved 3rd place

Ballyhaunis Committee



Charlestown Committee



Litter Action League Results

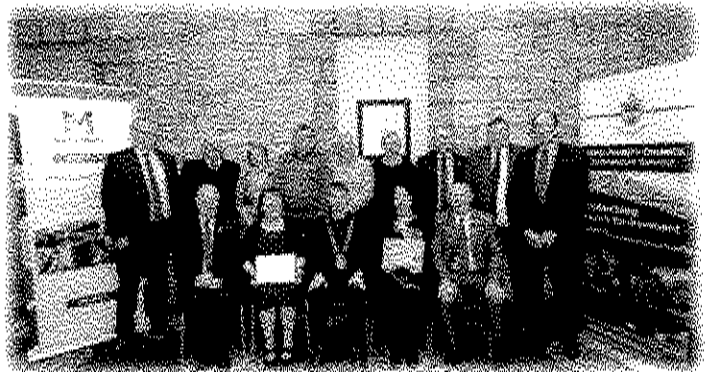
Group B

<i>Overall Winner</i>	<i>Kilmaine</i>
<i>Beaten Finalist</i>	<i>Cong</i>
<i>Play Off Finalist</i>	<i>Ballindine</i>

Group D

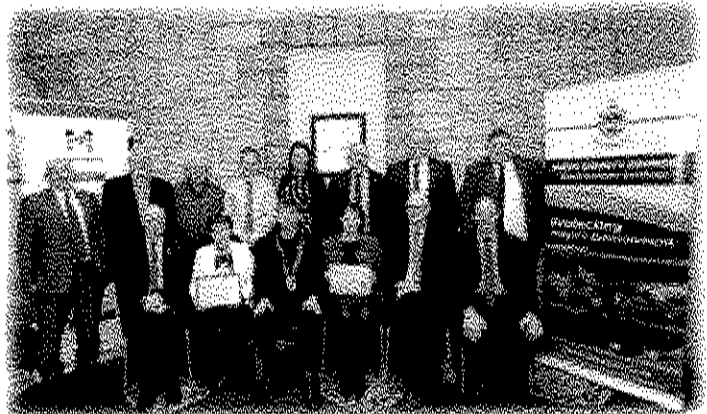
<i>Beaten Finalist</i>	<i>Barnacarroll</i>
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Kilmaine Committee



Cong Committee

Barnacarroll Committee





Cornmarket, Ballinrobe - Display erected by the Ballinrobe Tidy Towns Committee



Kilmaine - Monument erected by the Kilmaine Village Enhancement Group



Claremorris Municipal District assist and support Voluntary Groups i.e. tidy towns in keeping their locality attractive and litter free by carrying out street cleaning, clean ups and remedial works.

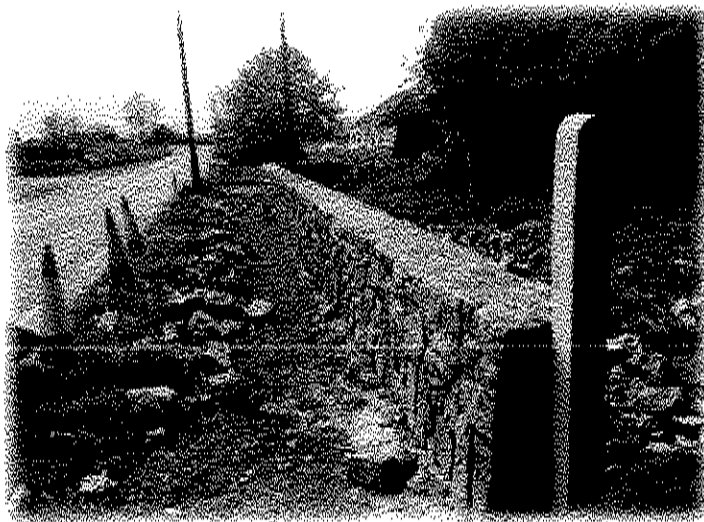
Tidy Towns Committee:

The Council support these committees in keeping their localities attractive and litter free by carrying out street cleaning, clean up and remedial works on littered areas and the weekly emptying of refuse bins.

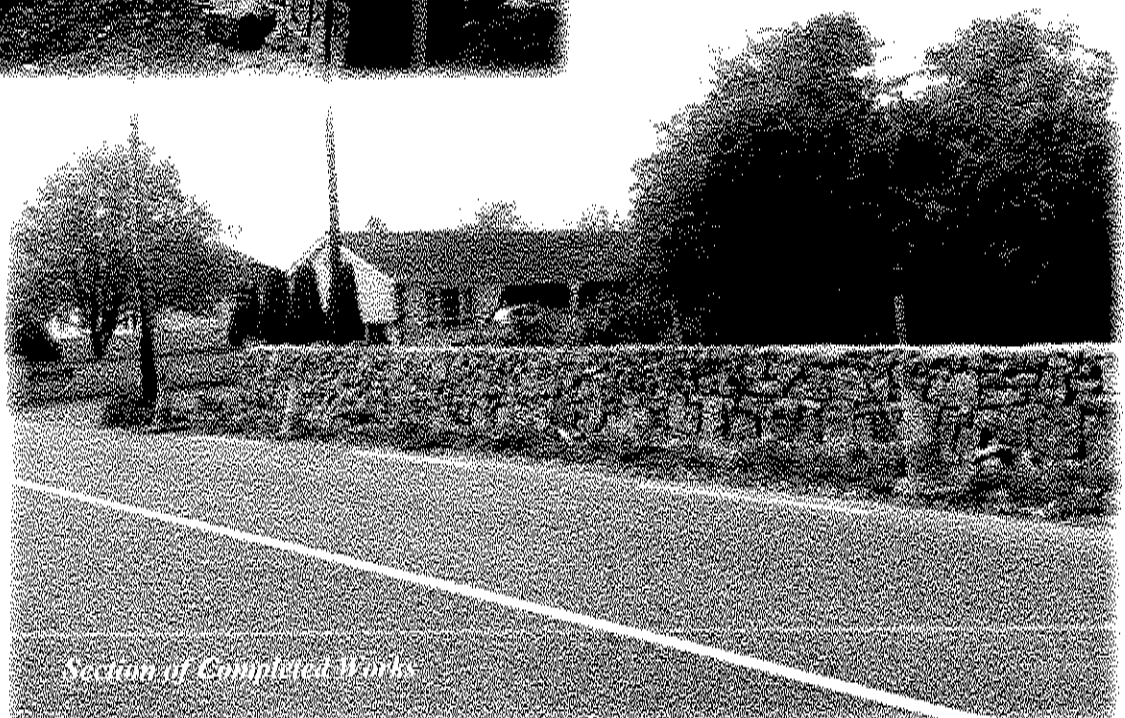
COMMUNITY FUND

Provision was made in 2016 for funding to be allocated by each Councillor for community projects in their area.

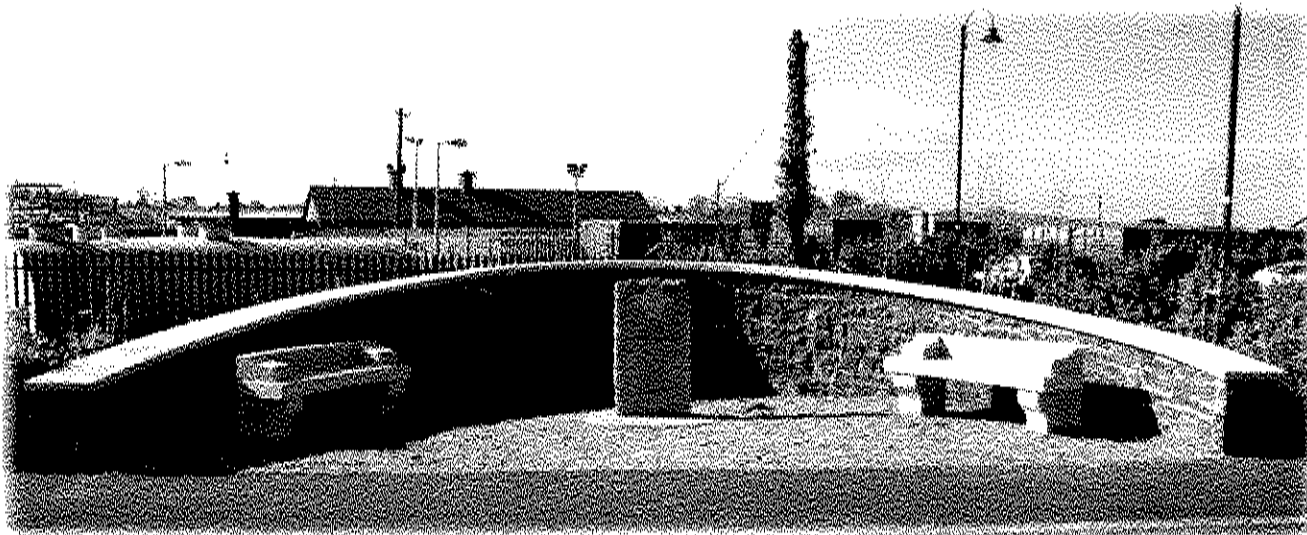
Funding was allocated to various groups in the Claremorris Municipal District Area.



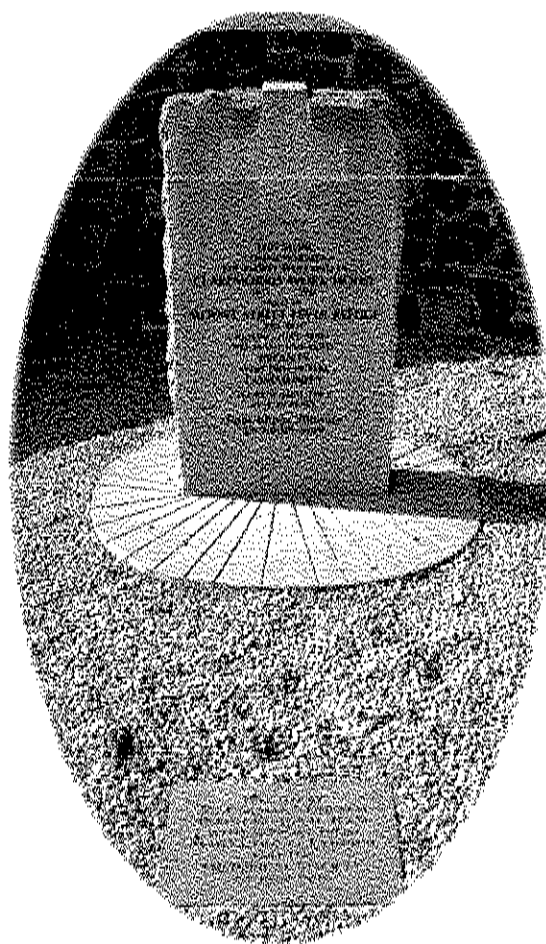
Construction of stone wall on the LP 1612 Clonbur Road, Ballinrobe

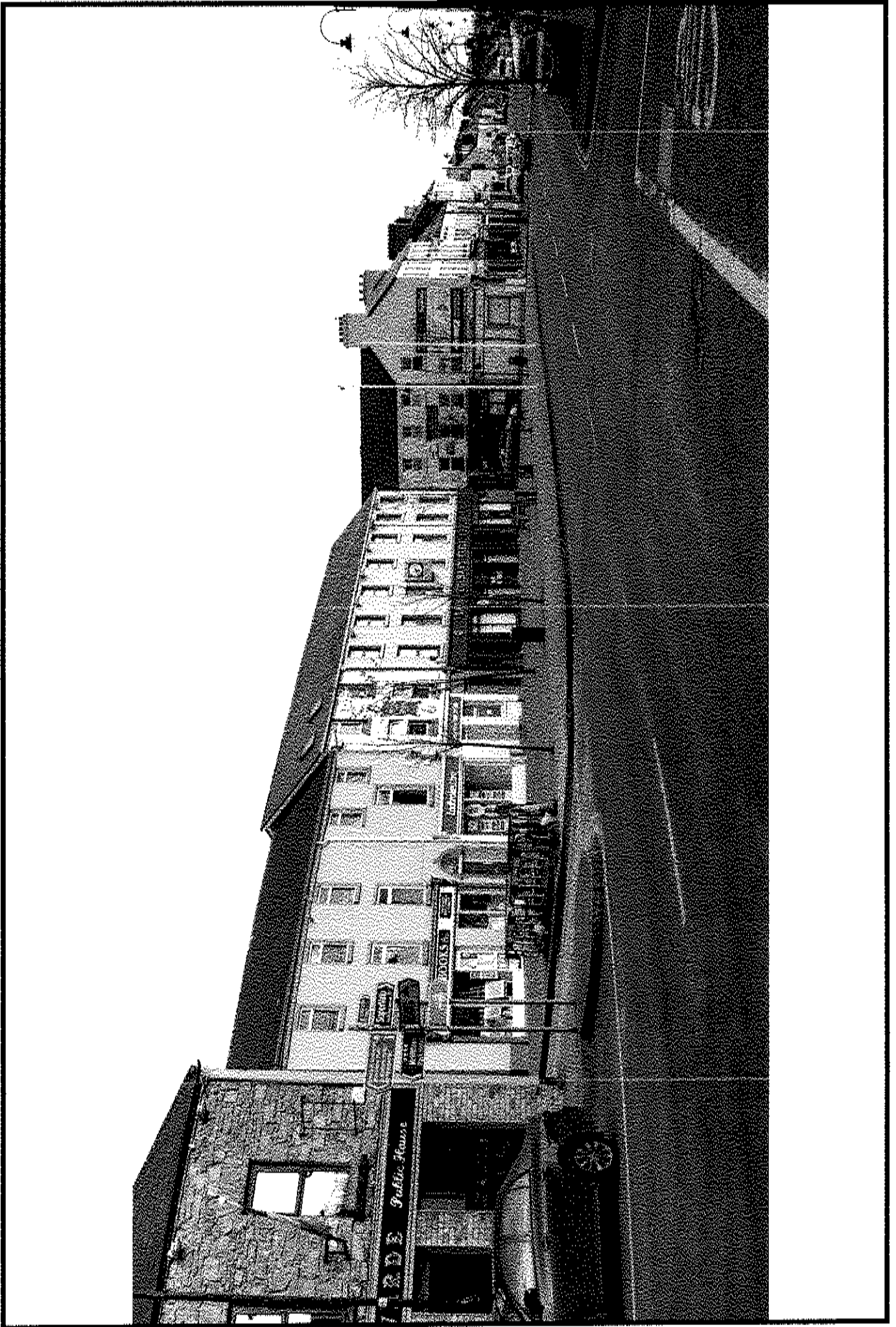


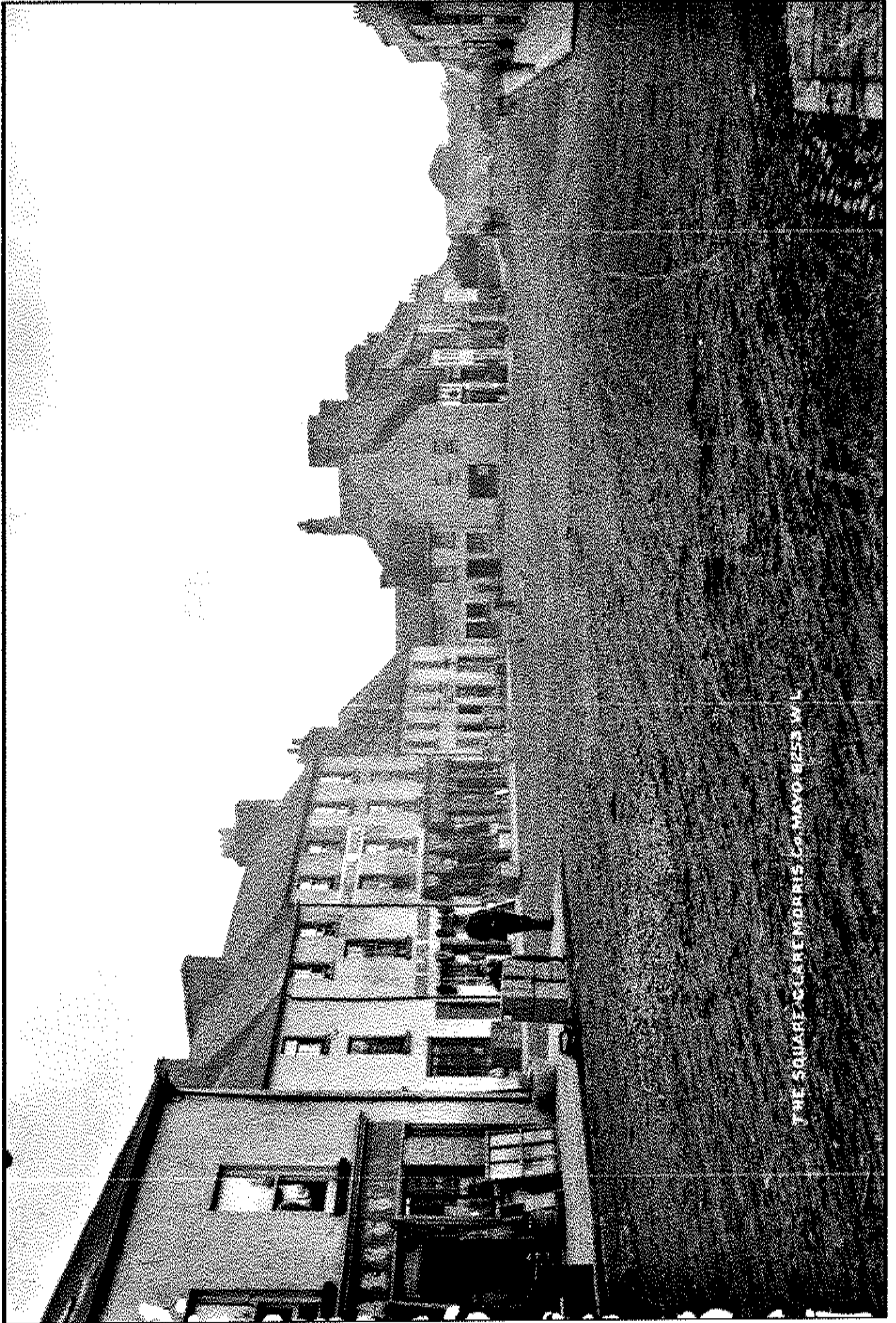
Section of Completed Works



Commemorative monument to the people who died in Claremorris Work House 1851 - 1918 and Mount Street Fever Refuge pre 1851, also to the many infants who are also buried here.







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WEST MAYO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS



*Cllr. C. Hylund
Cathaoirleach (June 2015 to
June 2016)*



*Cllr. B. Mulroy
Cathaoirleach (June 2016- June 2017)*



Cllr. M. Holmes



Cllr. P. McNamara



Cllr. G. Coyle



Cllr. T. McGuire



*Rose Conway Walsh (elected to
Seanad Eireann April, 2016.*



*Cllr. T. Whelan
(co-opted following Rose C. Walsh
election to Seanad Eireann)*

HOUSING

WEST MAYO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

HOUSING - 2016

Housing Grants 2016	No. Approved	Value Approved	No. Paid	Value Paid
Housing Aid for Older People	84	€426,741.88	129	€667,354.80
Mobility Aids Grant Scheme	70	€204,621.92	77	€209,042.42
Housing Adaptation for people with a disability	16	€ 166,608.75	13	€153,549.40
TOTAL	170	€797,972.55	219	€1,029,946.60

CASUAL VACANCIES

No. of Units	Renovated & Allocated	Works underway - completed 2016
49	36	15

HOUSING LOANS

2016 was a busy year as regards housing loans. In total there were 17 loan approvals granted across the whole West Mayo Municipal District broken down as follows;

	No. of Approvals	Value of Approvals
New Build	6	€887,450.00
House Purchase	9	€867,150.00
Tenant Purchase	2	€ 75,900.00
TOTAL	17	€1,830,500.00

HOUSING STOCK

At the 30th November, 2016 there were 657 units of housing stock within the West Mayo Municipal District

HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-2017

A multi-annual housing programme has been approved by the Department of Housing, Planning and Urban Renewal covering the period 2015 -2017 inclusive.

A budget of €27.2 m and a target of 146 units had been set for Mayo County Council for this period. These targets and the funding envelope have been relaxed in response to ongoing housing difficulties across the country.

Mayo County Council will now deliver 249 housing units for the period 2015-2017 as follows -:

- 90 New Builds (59 Local Authority & 31 Voluntary)
- 75 Acquisitions (65 Local Authority & 10 Voluntary)
- 84 Voids

Local Authority Project Details for West Mayo Municipal District

21 Units at Tubberhill, Westport	–	On Site
1 Infill Unit Westport	–	On Site
4 Units at Kilmeena	–	Part 8 Stage
1 Infill Unit Newport	–	Part 8 Stage



Tubberhill, Westport - 21 Units - Sod Turning Ceremony September, 2016

Voluntary Housing Bodies Project Details

7 Units at Logmore, Belmullet(IWCA) - On Site
6 Units at Glenamoy (Community) - Design Stage

Community facilities

2016 was another busy year in the community centres at the Quay, Tubberhill, Sharkey Hill and McConville Park. The Quay Community Centre hosts a wide range of activities including:

- MONDAY Social Club
- Octagon Quilters
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Baby Massage
- Social Card Game
- Ballet
- Women's Group
- Parent & Toddler Group
- Bingo

The Men's Shed group are using the community rooms at Tubberhill for storage purposes until they move to new premises. In 2016 the Council took possession of the FCA building at Pinewoods and leased it to the Mayo Mountain Rescue team.

Better Energy Communities Scheme

Improvements were carried out to the FCA building, Sharkey Hill Community Centre, McConville Park and the Plougastel Centre under the Better Energy Communities Scheme 2016. This scheme is ran by SEAI and the works were undertaken in partnership with REIL and Enprova. The energy efficiency of all of the buildings will improve as a result of the works carried out.

ROAD TRANSPORT & SAFETY

Context

The road network in the West Municipal District covers a total of **1,804km** of National, Regional and Local roads and a budget for road works of **€14,720,000** was provided in 2016. The following is a summary of the main roads activities carried out in 2016 in the District.

National Roads – Capital Projects

N5 Westport – Turlough Project

The original scheme on the N5, which extended from Westport to Bohola, has now been reduced in length because of the rejection of the N26 Ballina Bohola proposal by An Bord Pleanála. Arising from the confirmation of the CPO and approval of the Environmental Impact Statement(EIS) in 2014 the project now extends from Westport to East of Castlebar, including a southern bypass of Castlebar.

During 2016 significant progress was made on land acquisition agreements and **55%** of the 250 cases are now settled. Other advance works included details topographical survey, ground investigation, ESB diversions, three stages of Archaeological Investigation and the Fencing and Hedgegrow Clearance Contract is substantially complete.

It is anticipated that funding will be made available in 2017 to progress land acquisition and to engage a Consultant to administer Phase 5, 6 & 7 of the project.

N59 Westport to Mulranny

An Bord Pleanala confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order in July 2012. Notices to Treat have been served on all landowners and land acquisition is ongoing. Approximately 80% of compensation claims have been settled to date. It is anticipated that funding will be made available in 2017 to continue with the payment of compensation for the outstanding land acquisition claims.

During 2016, construction of the 2km section of the Scheme at **Rosow Bends**, which is a continuation of the Kilbride Scheme south to Westport took place. These works are substantially complete and it is anticipated that funding will be made available in 2017 to complete the Scheme.

Detailed design and the preparation of contract documents for the construction of a further 3kms at Kilmeena took place in 2016. It is anticipated that funding will be made available in 2017 to complete the design and contract documents by early 2017 with a view to seeking TII's approval to procure a construction contract.

A project allocation was received in 2016 to commence a design of the section of N59 to the north of Newport town at Derradda. It is anticipated that funding will be made available to progress the design in 2017.



N59 Rosow Construction works

N59 Improvement at Mulranny

Following on from the launch of the Mulranny Village Design Statement in April, 2012, construction was completed of the section from the Church to the Tourist Office.



National Roads – Major Works and Pavement Improvements

Westport to Mulranny	€ 2,100,000
Roscow Bends	€ 3,530,000
Kilmeena LVNS	€ 800,000
Mulranny Village Enhancement	€ 500,000
Bellacorrick Bridge Phase 2	€ 795,000
Newport/Mulranny @Knockalegan	€ 1,220,000
Newport to Derrada Realignment	€ 100,000
Kilbride Road	€ 30,000
TOTAL	€9,075,000

Regional and Local Roads

The 2016 regional and local roads funding in the West Mayo Municipal District is listed below under its main activity categories

Regional Roads – Maintenance	€ 338,240
Regional Roads – Winter Maintenance	€ 150,596
Regional Roads – Surface Dressing	€ 330,636
Regional Roads – Other Works	€ 86,400
Regional Roads – Restoration Improvement Grant	€ 763,434
Local Roads – Maintenance	€ 887,493
Local Roads – Surface Dressing	€ 521,973
Local Roads – Restoration Improvement Grant	€ 1,449,428
Councillor NOM Allocations (7x€45,000)	€ 315,000
Verge Trimming/Hedge Cutting	€ 20,557
Ineligible Expenditure	€ 141,900
TOTAL	€5,005,657

LIS local improvement scheme €159,540

Low cost safety Improvements Grants were allocated for the following schemes.

Leckanvy	€120,000
Rosbeg	€120,000
Tonreege	€ 20,000
Derrynameel	€ 50,000
Doogort	€150,000
Cornboy	€ 20,000
TOTAL	€480,000

The funds available supported the normal maintenance activities on regional and local roads throughout 2016. The funds resulted in the completion of 33km of surface dressing on regional and local roads in the District in 2016 and the completion of 22km of pavement strengthening works and low cost safety improvements.



Lecanvey Improvement Scheme

Flood relief

A grant of €855,000 was made available in 2016 following storm Desmond which occurred on the 5th/6th December 2015. A number of schemes in the West Mayo Municipal district on national and non-national roads were granted funding to carry out repairs. These include:

• Cashel Road- raise road.	€ 81,000
• Doon Road raise road.	€ 57,000
• Rosmindle – raise road.	€134,000
• North and south Mall - flood gates.	€ 10,000
• Doolough – wall repairs.	€200,000
• Bangor – Drainage	€150,000
• Glendavoolagh	€ 72,000
• Keel	€103,000
• Newport Quay road	€ 48,000
Total	€855,000



North and South mall flood gates



Rosmindle flood relief

Marine Works 2016

In partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine, improvements were carried out at Mulranny, Ballyglass, Blacksod, Inishturk Island, Cloughmore, Lecanvy Pier.

Location	Description	Department Grant	Mayo Co Co Contribution	Total
Mulranny	Piers Repairs	56,250	18,750	75,000
Ballyglass	Repairs to fenders piles & steelwork	112,500	37,500	150,000
Blacksod	Install girders/fenders for steps on the existing pier. Replace existing safety rail along edge of pier.	37,500	12,500	50,000
Inishturk Island	Reconfigure steps to provide low level landing space on the main pier steps. Carry out improvement to deck.	112,500	37,500	150,000
Cloughmore	Pier Repairs	45,000	15,000	60,000
Lecanvy Pier	Provide demountable type LED lighting on pier	15,000	5,000	20,000
Total		378,750	88,788	505,000

Frenchport – Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site (AMETS)

Belmullet has been selected as the most suitable location for development of the Wave Energy Test Site principally because of:

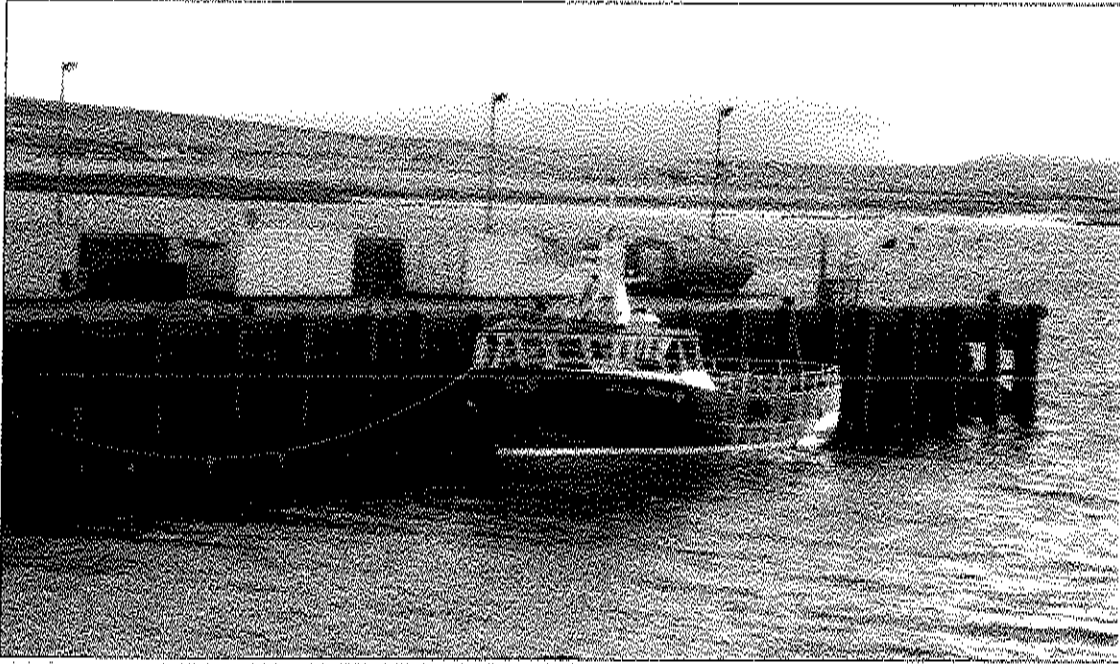
- a) Deep water with sandy seabed close to shore
- b) Quality of the wave climate
- c) Suitable grid for electrical connection
- d) Good shore infrastructure e.g. piers, roads services
- e) Proximity to the extensive maritime infrastructure at Killybegs

The proposed Wave Energy Test Site in Belmullet will have 3 test areas:

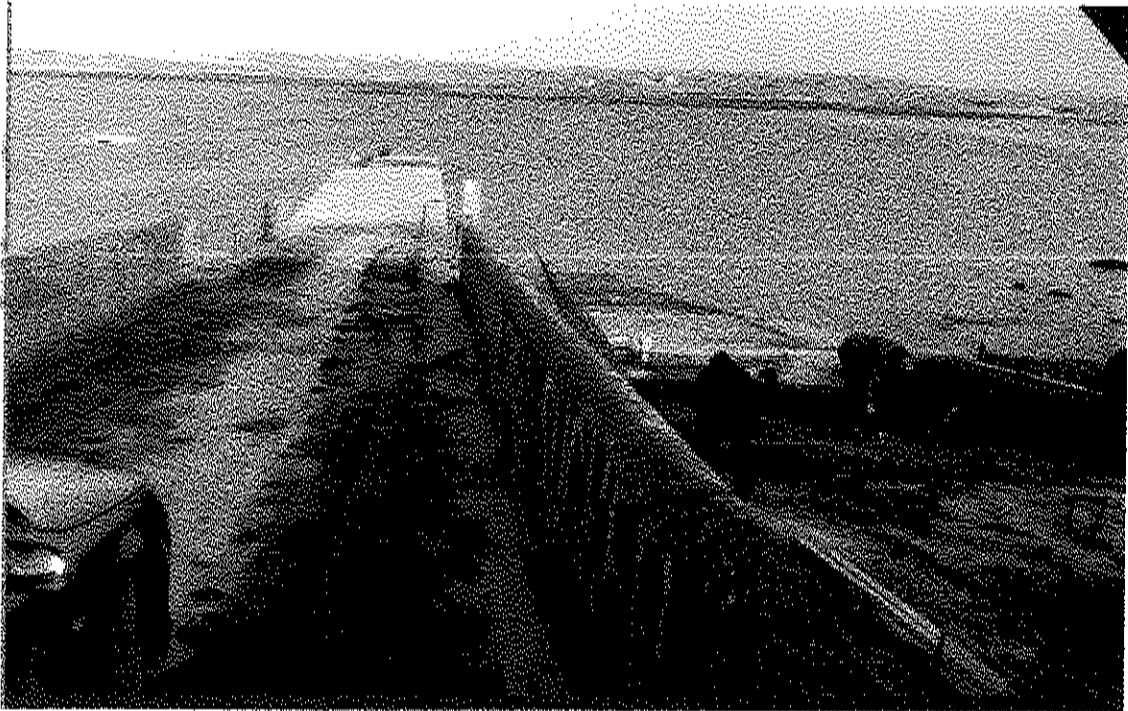
- 100m water depth 7 miles from land,
- 50m water depth 2 miles from land and
- 25-15m water depth, less than half a mile from land

Electrical cables will be buried beneath the seabed to enable wave energy converters deployed at the outer two sites to generate and transmit electricity via the cables to a substation inland of Belderra Beach. The electricity will then be transmitted to the local distribution electricity grid.

In 2016 in partnership with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) a new slipway and pier extension were substantially complete at Frenchport which will be the main service location for the proposed test site. A grant of €700,000 has been provided by SEAI to complete these works.



Repair to Fender Piles and Steel Work at Ballyglass



Construction of extension to Pier and New Slipway at Frenchport

Clar Programme

The following projects have been approved under the Clar Programme: -

Measure One

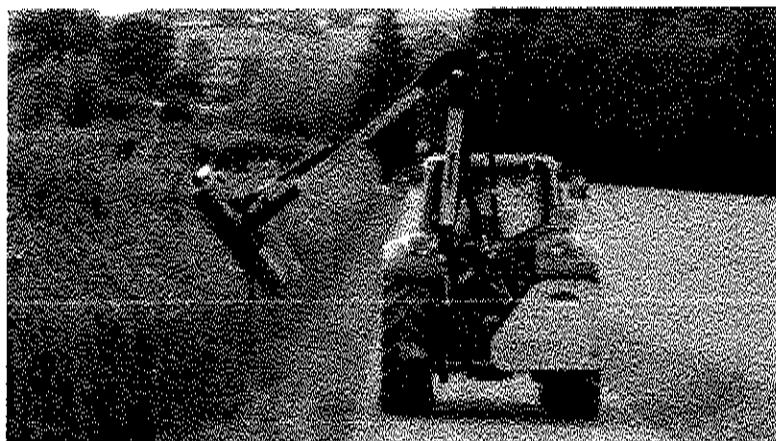
Footpath to Ballycroy NS	€70,000
Aughleam School - safety works	€2,000
Pedestrian Crossing at Binghamstown	€22,000

Measure Two(20% contribution required)

Tidal Pool at Belmullet	€120,000
New playground at Murrisk NS	€86,000
New playground at Leathan Mor Court, Bangor Erris	€73,600
Playground equipment for Brackloon NS	€16,000
Equipment for Belmullet School	€24,000
Bike lockers at Belmullet Civic Centre	€12,000

Hedge cutting

A hedgecutting pilot scheme was initiated in 2016 with €5,000 being allocated to each Municipal District. A total of 4 applications were received in the West Mayo area. Whilst the take up of the scheme was below expectations, it is proposed that a similar arrangement would apply in 2017.

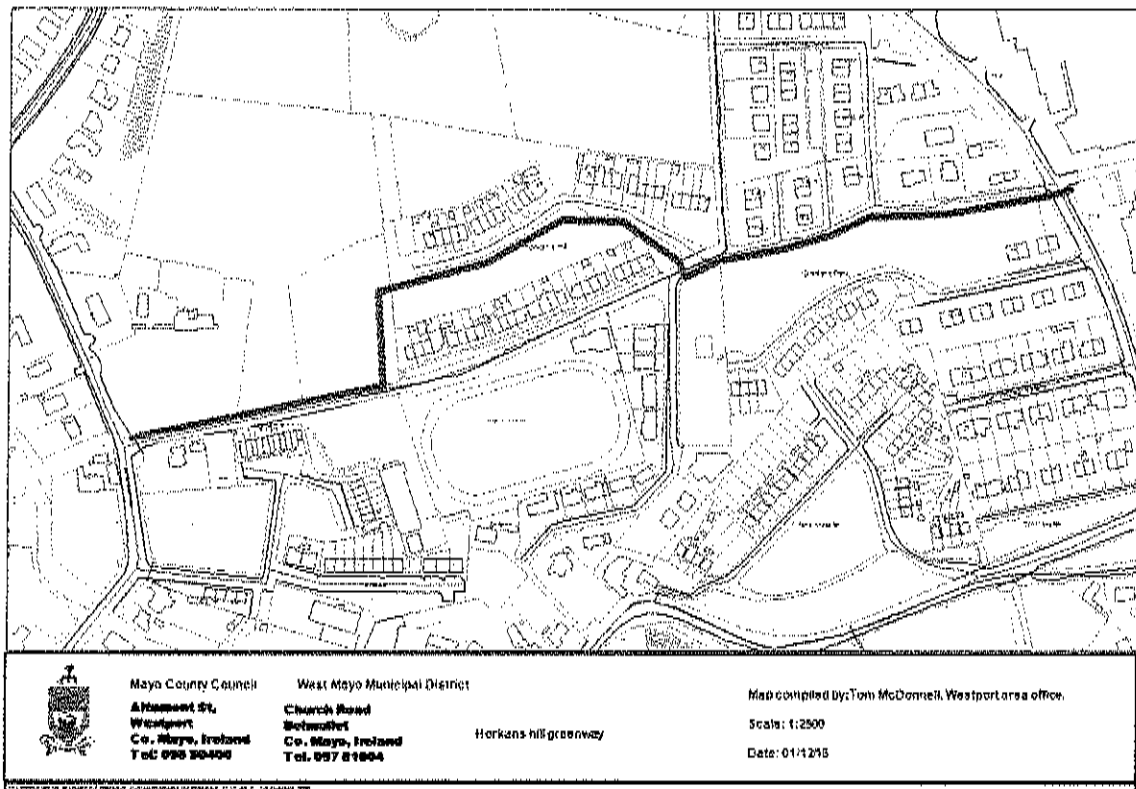


Westport Smarter Travel Programme

The delivery of key infrastructure projects under the Smarter Travel programme continued in 2016.

The most significant project in 2016 was the planning and design of the Horkans Hill greenway. Part 8 planning and land acquisition agreements have been put in place with works ready to commence. This greenway will serve in excess of 100 houses in the area, will link the Newport road to the Allergan road and also serve to link the newly constructed St. Patrick's N.S. on the Newport road to Rice College secondary school on the Castlebar road.

Other works that took place include the commencement of the construction of a toucan crossing on the N59 at Aitreech to facilitate a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists linking the Town Greenway network to the Great Western Greenway.



Horkans Hill Greenway

Other minor works, such as bicycle parking at Westport library, improvements to the network at Pinewoods and improvements to the signage of the greenway network also took place.



Westport library bike parking

Behavioural Change Campaign (Hearts & Minds)

In 2016 the Smarter Travel team continued its efforts to raise awareness of and promote Smarter Travel among schools, businesses and community groups in the town. Various initiatives were organised during the year - some unique Westport events and others coincided with national events.

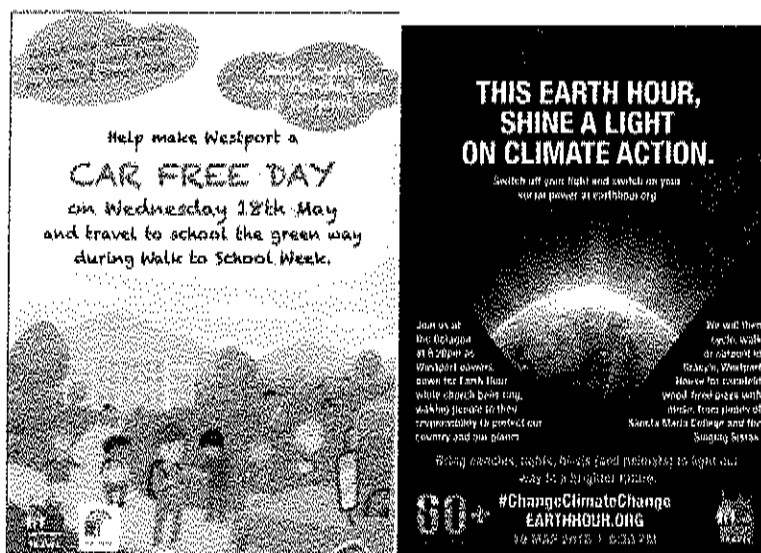


Among the highlights were:

- Spring Forward Festival
- Operation Transportation Awards Night
- Last Blast Family Cycle
- Get to know your Greenway Walk/Cycle
- Community Parade in Association with Arts Festival

During the year six Bike Buffets were held and they continued to attract both locals and visitors. The success of the bike buffets were recognised in October when the initiative received a silver award at the

Irish Responsible Tourism Awards. Westport Smarter Travel worked closely with other organisations in the town e.g. tidy towns, WESCo and Eco Congregation.



In early 2016 AECOM published an Interim Evaluation report on the Smarter Travel Programme from 2012 – 2014. The results for Westport were very positive.

2016 marks the final year of the pilot programme and I wish to acknowledge the commitment of all the Smarter Travel team since the project commenced. I also wish to thank the staff from An Taisce who have made an enormous contribution towards the project. In excess of €5 million has been invested in the town under the Smarter Travel Programme and the town now has a network of greenways which make choosing sustainable travel a viable option for most of the residents of the town.

WATER SERVICES

Irish Water

Irish Water was established formally on the 1st of January 2014. Local Authorities continue to deliver the day to day management and operation of the Water Services Programme in accordance with a Service Level Agreement entered into in 2013 for a period of twelve years from 2014.

Mayo County Council continues to be the supervisory body for Group Water Schemes and will administer the Rural Water Programme on behalf of the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.

Water Quality

One new boil water notice was issued in 2016 on public supplies which was as a result of a cryptosporidium incident on Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme. The notice was issued on the 2nd September, 2016 and following extensive work by the Mayo County Council, Irish Water and the HSE, it was lifted on 13th September, 2016.

Water Service Capital Programme

Schemes completed in 2016 in West Mayo Municipal District

- Lough Mask Regional Water Supply Scheme – Extension Srah to Westport
- Quick Win Programme - UV Treatment at Westport WWTP
- CCTV Programme - Keel, Doogort and Gweesala Sewerage Schemes.

Belmullet Sewerage Scheme - In progress(completion Nov 2017)

Schemes to Commence in 2017(subject to funding)

Inishturk Water Supply Scheme - (expected to commence Q2 - 2017)

Minor Programme Schemes

- Inlet Works Programme - Bangor Erris Wastewater Treatment Plants - completion(Q3-2017)
- Network Flow Management & Rehabilitation Programme - Backyard Services - St. Marys Crescent, Westport(expected completion Q2-2017)
- Service reservoir Refurbishment Programme - Tallagh Towers, Belmullet

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Belmullet - Enterprising Town Award



In 2016, Belmullet was crowned the most enterprising town in Co. Mayo. Belmullet took the title at an awards event held in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. After the judges held discussions with community, private and public sector groups involving participating towns Belmullet was declared the overall county winner and apart from the trophy will also receive €3,000 in prize money. Liam McLoughlin, Chief Executive of retail banking at Bank of Ireland said "we are delighted to award Belmullet €3,000 to acknowledge their dedication to local enterprise"

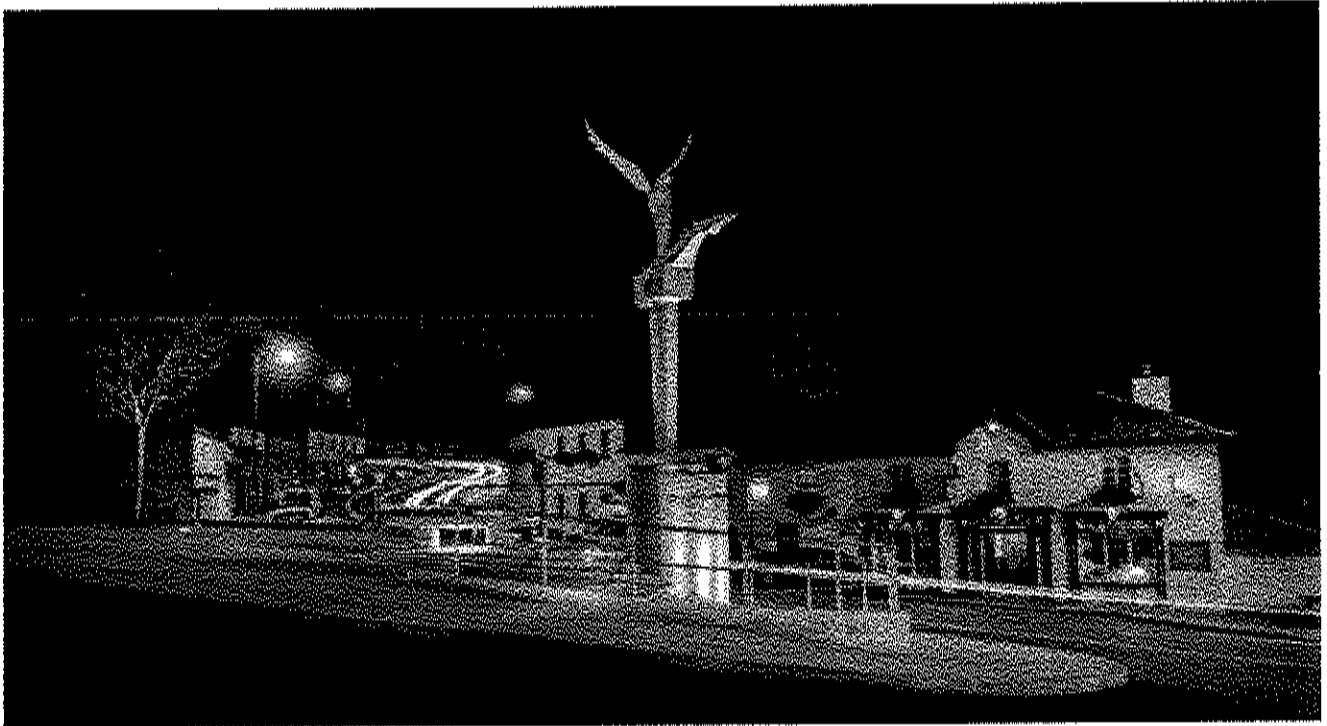
Leeson Enterprise Centre

Work commenced on The Leeson Enterprise Centre in September 2016. The Centre will comprise of a number of individual units, hot desks/co-working space and a training room. The Multi Agency Enterprise Group has received a number of expressions of interest in the Centre. These applications will be considered by the Group in the coming weeks.

The project is being funded by Enterprise Ireland, Mayo County Council and has also been awarded funding under the REDZ programme.

The Centre is due to be completed in January 2017 and we look forward to the opening of this long awaited facility in Spring 2017.

The Sentinel



In 2013 Westport was 'conferred' by The Irish Times' newspaper as 'The best Place to Live in Ireland'. To celebrate this achievement, the Town Council commissioned a nationwide competition for a public piece of art.

The winning Artist Ronan Halpin is from Achill Island. Mayo Co Co then collaborated with the Artist to create a public realm space to compliment the winning piece.

The Sculpture and it associated Public Realm Space, were then submitted for the RIAI awards and enthused by 14,000 public votes the project won the national public choice award, making this project Irelands favorite piece of Architecture for 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Tidy Towns Awards

Again the West Mayo Municipal District has done extremely well in The National Tidy Towns awards – with Westport, Belmullet (Béal an Mhuirthead) and Murrisk picking up awards.

Westport

GOLD MEDAL AWARD
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD - Edible Landscape Project

Belmullet

GOLD MEDAL AWARD
NATIONAL GAELTACHT AWARD WINNER

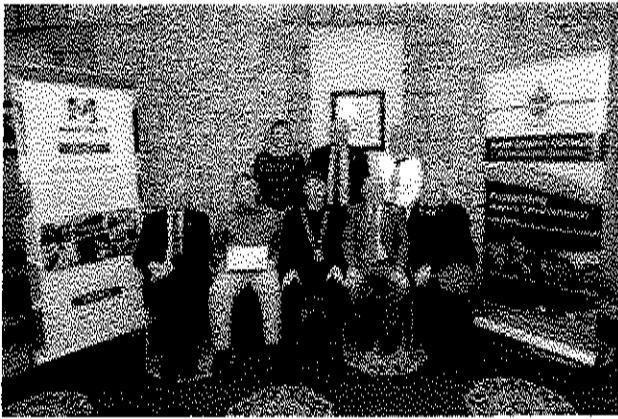
Murrisk

BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

The Adjudicators were very impressed with all entries in the region and this was reflected in increased marks for the majority of areas. Great credit is due to all the Tidy Towns committees and volunteers for the results achieved in 2016.



Westport Tidy Towns Committee - Cleaner Community Campaign Awards



Belmullet Tidy Towns Committee- Cleaner Community Campaign Awards



Newport Tidy Towns Committee- Cleaner Community Campaign Awards

Cleaner Community Campaign Awards.

The West Mayo Municipal District was well represented among the prize winners in the **2016 Cleaner Community Campaign Awards.**

The winners included:

- Louisburgh
- Portacloy (Clean Coast)
- Newport
- Belmullet
- Westport
- Bangor Erris
- Mulranny
- Newport
- Aughagower
- Geesala
- Polranny
- Ballycroy
- Inishbiggle Island

RECREATION AND AMENITY

Festivals and Events

The West Mayo Municipal District (WMMD) was involved in nearly all festivals and events through financial, promotional and operational support – this recognition and support is crucial to their success and future development of a sustainable events programme.

With an event or festival taking place nearly every weekend in the West Mayo Municipal District, it is fairly establishing itself as the ‘go-to-destination’ within the county. In 2016 there were in excess of 150 festivals and events. The range of festivals and events is extensive including both old and new - everything is catered for – music – the arts – sports and outdoor activities. Our location on The Wild Atlantic Way adds to the attractiveness for the further development of outdoor activity and also to expanding the diversity of events taking place in the area to attracting new audiences.

The West Mayo Municipal District continues to offer practical support for a great number of these events i.e. Feile na Mara, Sea Angling Festivals, Achill Harp Festival, 1916 Commemorations, Gathering for Patrick; Clare Island Film Festival; Feile Chois Cuan; Gael Force West, Sea2Summit, Westportif. Erris Beo Festival; Geesala, Ballycroy, Clann Lir Festival, Westport Food Festival; Arts Festival; Festival of Chamber Music etc

West Mayo Municipal District recognises the work done by organisations like Erris Beo, Destination Westport, NADCO, Mulranny Tourism and Achill Tourism in supporting festival and events throughout the district.

Westport will celebrate the 250th birthday of the establishment of the new planned town in 2017. Over the past number of months a steering committee has been working on the development of a very extensive programme of events to be held throughout the year.

Operations

Subsequent to the planning and marketing stages of festivals and events, the smooth operation during events is equally as critical. The civic office assists with road safety signage, barriers, portaloos, water, and waste disposal for a number of events taking place in the area. Without these operational provisions many of these events would not be the success stories they have been.

Media and P.R.

WMMD has worked with Destination Westport and event organisers developing and circulating press releases to media sources locally, regionally and nationally. This work has resulted in event coverage in local, regional and national papers as well as coverage on local, regional, and national radio. A calendar of events for the year was circulated to local event organisers and tourism businesses to promote the events.

Festivals and events are also promoted through social media and at www.mayo.ie and www.destinationwestport.com

Westport Town Hall Theatre

West Mayo Municipal District has a very close association with the Westport Town Hall Theatre and receives support and accommodation for many local authority events. The authority recognises how important the facility is to the area. Some key attributes of the facility include:

- Facilitating key community development group meetings & events; e.g. Mayo Local Enterprise Office, South-West Mayo Development Company, Westport Chamber of Commerce, Westport Tidy Towns, Westport Smarter Travel, Westport Community Initiative, Westport Civic Trust, Music Generation Mayo to name but a few.
- Providing exhibition space for various community based artists and groups; e.g. Active Retirement, Elsie Higgins Arts Group and many more.
- Commissioning an originally-produced show incorporating music, imagery, dance and theatrical performance telling the story and exploring the theories of Ireland's Patron Saint - "Patrick". This show ran for 8 weekly performances during July and August 2016 playing to large audiences.
- Providing the most amenable space for key festivals. Much of the services provided by the town hall for these events were provided voluntarily to encourage community participation and support the festivals.
- The Town Hall is currently working with the Westport Community Initiative to develop a brand new children's arts festival which will run in late April and will
- coincide with the Westport 250 artistic programme of events.

Westport Leisure Park

Westport Leisure Park celebrated its 17th Birthday in August 2016 - seventeen very successful years of providing a quality leisure, fitness and recreational facility to the people of Westport and it's hinterland together with many thousands of visitors to the area.

Community is always at the heart of the activity programmes at the centre. One of the major successes of the year was Operation Transformation where significant weight loss was achieved together with an increase in the fitness levels of all the participants. In monetary terms this free programme was worth about €45,000 – something that only a true community facility could offer. The centre is re-launching the event again in January 2017.

Many have continued with their programme, a new running group has been established at the centre and it is now a common sight to see Team Leisure Park take part in several of the running events throughout the country, including a team of 18 who completed the Dublin City Marathon.

The community involvement continues throughout the year with the centre at the heart of many events – Parkrun, 'Get out There Greenway series, Westport Duathlon, Westportif, Gaelforce West, Westport's Resolution 5k on the Streets of Westport.

Westport Leisure Park is managed and maintained to a very high standard and is now recognised for setting the standards in disability provision in the leisure sector.

This year Ireland Active's 16th White Flag was awarded to Westport Leisure Park achieving The National Gold Standard.

Westport Leisure Park is firmly established as one of the major all-weather attractions in the region, and as a centre of excellence in the provision of health and fitness programmes. The extensive swimming programme caters for in excess of 1,000 children each week.

Westport Leisure Park caters for all ages and abilities – with classes for Parent and Toddler, Children, Teenagers, Sporting Groups/Organisations and Senior Citizen/Special Needs Groups. The centre hosts a wide range of Fitness and Aerobic classes each week which are attended by several hundred enthusiasts. Westport Leisure Park is a very valuable asset to the tourism and social infrastructure of the region. It is important that this asset continues to be maintained to the very highest standard, and investment in the equipment and building will ensure that facilities at Westport Leisure Park are on a par with any other Leisure facilities in the Country.