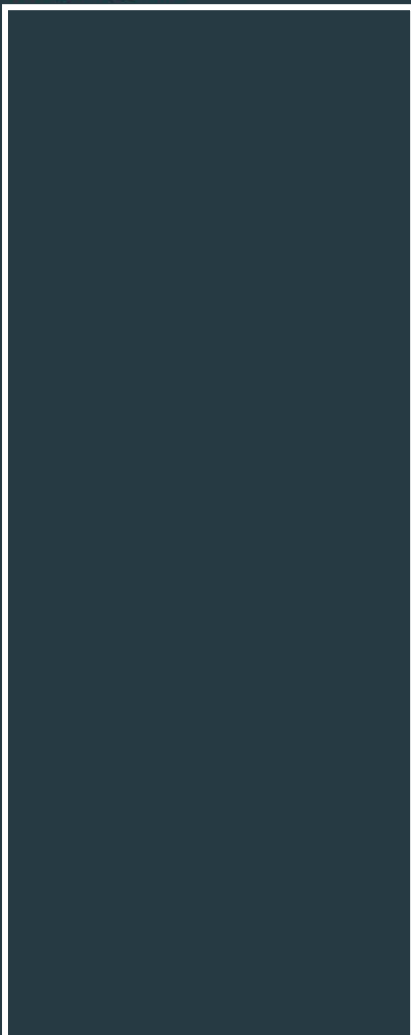


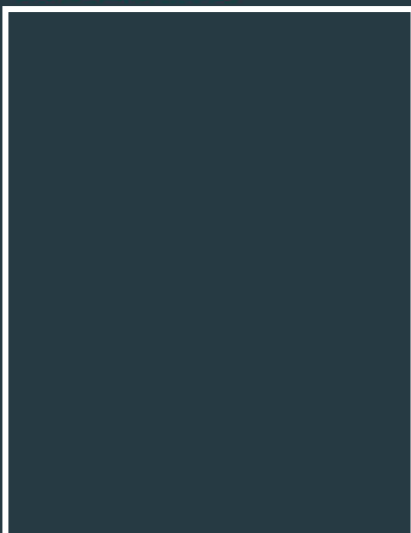


DECEMBER, 2022

Highlights



Dates to Note



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



Mayo County Council Capital Co-funded Projects

In 2022 Mayo County Council completed 44 capital projects across CLÁR, TVRS, ORIS, Fáilte Ireland, Sports Capital and other funding streams. The total value of this delivery was €4,175,650. It is expected that in excess of 40 projects will be completed in 2023.

While the value of these smaller capital projects funded under CLÁR, TVRS and ORIS (Measures 1 & 2) is more modest the work to deliver these schemes is substantial, often necessitating archaeology, ecology screenings and wildlife surveys in addition to significant additions costing time and money for both the central delivery unit and the Municipal Districts.

Scheme	Number of Projects	Value	Grant	Match Funding
CLÁR	14	€709,066.09	€524,144.22	€143,090.63
TVRS	18	€1,518,416	€1,212,533	€305,883
ORIS	9	€1,636,600	€1,316,000	€320,600
Other	3	€311,568	€245,025	€66,543
Total	44	€4,175,650	€3,297,702	€836,116.63

Mayo County Council also has existing capital commitments for a further 77 projects valued at over €72 million on which work has also been progressing. Of these 11 are RRDF projects with a total value of almost €28 million, 4 are URDF projects valued at €25.5 million, 49 comprise funding under CLÁR, ORIS and anticipated TVRS funding for 2022, totalling almost €6m.

Scheme	Number of Projects	Value	Grant	Match Funding
RRDF	11	€27,807,189	€120,456,617	€5,580,572
URDF	4	€25,512,896	€19,134,672	€6,378,233
CLÁR	18	€985,500	€696,505	€288,995
TVRS	12	€2,442,883	€2,094,153	€349,270
ORIS	19	€2,494,796	€2,158,776	€336,020
Failte Ireland	4	€930,000	€705,000	€225,000
Sports Capital	1	€600,000	€230,000	€370,000
Other	8	€11,488,772	€7,900,000	€2,488,772
Total	77	€72,262,036	€53,375,723	€16,016,852

Please find attached report giving a flavour of some of the work completed in 2022.



Directorate Highlights

Housing

Affordable Housing – Mayo was approved in principle for 13 units in Westport. Affordability research is being carried out for both Ballina and Castlebar.

Roads

Contractor has now commenced works on N60 Heathlawn scheme

Architects:

Contract signed and works commenced for 50 units at Golf Course Rd., Westport.

Conservation: - Architectural conservation works completed under the Build Heritage Investment Scheme.

2022 County Heritage Plan

Projects finalised – end of projects prepared, and funding drawn down.

Projects funded under the National Biodiversity Action Fund 2022 and Community Monuments Fund 2022 finalised and drawn down.

Parks: - 6 sites identified for the removal of dangerous trees

Dates to Note

Part 8 planning for R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall to be published on 13th December.

Public Consultation taking place on 14th December for Newport Greenway scheme route options

Biodiversity Workshop for Mayo GAA Clubs – 14th Nov.

Housing SPC – 15th Dec
Roads & Transportation SPC – 20th Dec

Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development

TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough scheme with overall project completion still due in Q2 2023.
- N60 Manulla Scheme is at route option phase with preferred route to be identified in Q1 2023.
- Construction works on going on N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme. Bridge substantially complete and re surfacing works underway on the N17. R320 partially re opened to traffic. Scheme completion due in January 2023.
- N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass is at Phase 2 route option stage, with preferred route to be finalised in Q1 2023.
- Works on going for 2022 National Road Pavement Overlay programme with six schemes practically complete, one scheme at construction phase and one scheme at design stage. Design phase of the 2023 programme has commenced.
- Active Travel programme continues to be delivered with 2023 submission forwarded to NTA.
- Part 8 report for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme currently being prepared following the closing date for public submissions of 23rd November.

Housing

The overall target for Social Housing under Housing For All is 730 up to 2026. The target for 2022 is 90 houses and projects are currently in progress to achieve 91 houses.

HAP & RAS (Nov. 2022)

- 24 No. delivered under HAP,
 - 7 No. delivered under RAS
- Total of 1983 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of Nov.

Leasing (Nov.2022)

- 3 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.
- Total: No. 372 households currently supported under the Leasing Programme.

Homelessness – 12 No. homeless presentations for Nov 2022. Total presentations for 2022 is 128.

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme - To date: -

- 281 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received
- 261 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued
- 52 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received and 45 approved to date
- 30 Stage 3 Grant stage payments have been made.

Procurement & Efficiency

Competitions published for: - Road making materials / Housing Inspectors / Field Inspector / Lough Lannagh Service Provider / Consultancy Services of marine engineering.

Held Housing Kaizen with the 4 Municipal Districts to identify opportunities for standardisation.



Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



Directorate Highlights

ENVIRONMENT

Mayo County Councils Decarbonising Community Network was the winner in the Excellence in Local Government Awards under the Climate Change category.

CIVIL DEFENCE

COVID-19 Medal for Civil Defence

Members: Civil Defence members from Mayo attended a ceremony attended by The Minister for Defence and Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney, T.D. honouring Civil Defence volunteers and officers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic at a ceremony in Croke Park on 29th November, 2022. Minister Coveney commissioned a special COVID-19 medal for all volunteers who undertook duties during the COVID-19 crisis. In total, this medal was presented to circa 1,500 volunteers, the first 438 volunteers being presented with medals on 29th November

Operations Civil Defence has attended over 90 events throughout 2022 involving community support activities, sporting events, missing person searches, emergency incidents and supporting displaced Ukrainian Nationals.

Dates to Note

CIVIL DEFENCE

National Civil Defence Officers Association Training Seminar, Conference and Trade show took place in Donegal in early November, a delegation from Civil Defence in Mayo were in attendance.

Environment - Waste Permitting and Enforcement Update

- 6 Anti-Dumping Initiative projects have been successfully completed by the Enforcement Team, and claim files submitted (grant claim of €127,803.00).
- Enforcement Officers are participating in Multi-Agency checkpoints led by the Gardaí, in conjunction with Revenue, Customs and Dept of Social Protection.
- Two Review Waste Facility Permits have been granted, with a third due to be granted in the coming days.

Climate Action

- MCC hosted the only Irish EPA funded Trans-boundary Adaptation Learning Exchange (talx.ie) workshop in Ballina. Following this Laura Dixon, Climate Action Officer, presented at the transboundary Talx conference, Dublin.
- The Climate Action Signage 2022 was launched by Cathaoirleach Seamus Weir & Chair of the Environment, Climate Change and Agriculture SPC at Aras an Chontae on Nov 8th. Climate Action Signage to Be Rolled Out Around Mayo
- Work is ongoing to develop the Greenhouse Gas Emission baseline and the Risk and Vulnerability Register with consultants Bable and KPMG in advance of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.
- The Mayo Energy Bureau Officer began work with MCC on Nov 8th.
- An Energy Management Strategy for Winter 2022 was approved by the Senior Management Team in November.

Water & Air Team

- 38 complaints received (October)
- 36 Inspections carried out with 5 Enforcement actions taken (October)
- 3 Discharge Licence applications being processed.
- 13 Planning files referred (October)

Veterinary - A multi-agency task force comprising of An Garda Síochána, National Parks and Wildlife Rangers and MCC Dog Wardens carried out joint operations during which a number of patrols were conducted in respect of illegal Hare Coursing in South Mayo.

Water Services – RURAL WATER - Design & Tender Stages are progressing on the following Schemes; Ballycroy, Attymass, Derryvohey, Mayo DBO bundle No 2, Robeen, Cuilleens, Drimbane, Ellybay / Bacsod, Callow Lake, Dooyork, Cregduff, Kilgalligan, Johnstown / Lavellyroe, Knocknakell, Roy Bingham, Murrisk CWC, Aughinish CWC, Cleragh CWC, Enabeg CWC. SDS Consulting Engineers appointed as Employers Representative for Brackloon / Westport GWS (Measure 5).

Construction Stage is progressing on the following Schemes; Tooreen / Aghamoore GWS (Measure 3), Rosspport GWS (Measure 5), Cornboy GWS (Measure 5), Midfield GWS (Measure 2), Killaturley GWS (Measure 2), Tooreen / Aghamoore (Measure 2), Midfield (Measure 3), Killasser GWS (Measure 3), Irishtown GWS (Measure 5), Derry GWS, Barnacarrol GWS & Cloonmoore / Cloonlavish GWS (All Measure 5) .

Construction Stage Completed on following Schemes; Meelickmore, Knockatubber, Drum / Binghamstown, Killaturely (Measure 3), Glencorrib, Killmurray, Drumsheen / Newtown, Loughnamon and Downpatrick Head CWC.

Public Mains Rehabilitation Projects: Mains Rehab Crew are working on Carne's Rd, Belmullet , replacing a problematic section of the watermain.

Public Find and Fix Project Work Areas: The find and fix crews are working in Achill/Castlebar and Ballina.



Directorate Highlights

Planning Data for November 2022

- Applications Received: 107
- Decisions to Grant: 92
- Decisions to Refuse: 7
- Forthcoming Decisions: 113
- Formal Preplanning applications: 11
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 80

FOI:	14 Requests
PL:	7 Claims
Ombudsman:	2 requests

Dates to Note

Training Centre Update - 68 courses have been delivered safely through Castlebar Regional Training Centre for the month of November generating an income of €226,370. This is a total of 660 courses to date with an income in excess of €1.3m. This is a 20% increase approx. on 2019 (pre COVID) income. As most of our training is Health & Safety related, it is particularly important that we managed to clear the backlog resulting from COVID restrictions. Work is progressing on our new €2.9m million outdoor training facility at Saleen, Castlebar. We are hoping to have the facility fully operational by the **end of Q1, 2023**

Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



Property

The Expression of Interest process seeking applications from businesses interested in leasing the Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre commenced in November.

Planning

Mayo County Council’s Planning Dept. introduced E-Planning at the end of November 2022, in Wave 1 of a national campaign which is being led by our very own Chief Executive, Kevin Kelly, to introduce E-Planning in all Local Authorities throughout the country. This electronic facility vastly improves the timeline associated with the opening of new Applications, as Agents/Applicants can now lodge their applications online, & this initiative also benefits the environment through the significant reduction in the use of paper generally associated with the Planning service.

Human Resources

New Appointments in Nov 2022

- 1 x Life Lough Carra Community Administrator, 1 x Life Lough Carra Groundwater Officer, 2 x Part Time Lifeguard, 1 x AE (Contract post), 1 x Clerical Officer, 1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 2 x General Operative, 1 x RFF

Promotions

- 1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 1 x Environmental Enforcement Officer, 1 x Senior Exec Technician

Competitions Advertised in November 2022

- Architectural Technician Grade 1, Electrician, Senior Emergency Control Operator

Interviews held in November 2022

- Staff Officer, Site Technician Grade 2

Retirements in November

- 1 x Foreman, 1 x Ganger

Training Figures for November 2022

Indoor - 111 indoor staff participated in Competency Based Interview Training, Personal Safety at Work & Dealing with Difficult Customers, Managing a Blended Team and Green Public Procurement Training.

Outdoor - 50 outdoor staff received training on Safe Pass, Road Opening & Reinstatement, Driver CPC, Water Treatment Plant Operations, Confined Spaces, Bridge Engineering Inspection, Abrasive Wheels (Consaw), Signing Lighting & Guarding at Roadworks

Retirement Planning - 44 employees staff attended a 2-day Retirement Planning Seminar.

Communications

- Public information updates on traffic disruption, Water repairs, recruitment, road gritting,
- Media Responses to local & national Media queries.Co-ordination of corporate Advertising
- Events supported included the opening of Digi-space, Claremorris
- Roll out of ID cards for MCC Staff
- Attendance at Mayo Association London annual dinner event
- Key promotional campaigns –
 - Cathaoirleach Awards
 - Check The Register
 - Reduce Your Use
 - Vacant Property Refurb Grant
 - Offer A Home campaign
 - Emergency Accommodation call out
 - Christmas Events around the County
 - Notable Mayo People
- Oifig na Gaeilge
 - Connect site published
 - Irish Officer attended Irish Officers Association AGM at Oireachtas na Samhna



Directorate Highlights

- LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee took place on 16 Nov with 4 projects supported
- Ballintubber Community Futures Plan 2022-2027 launched by Alan Dillon, TD, 27 Nov
- Mulranney Action Plan 2022–2027, launched 2 Dec by Michael Ring, T.D
- MSP 2021 Annual Report now available, see [Annual Report](#)
- €135k allocated to MSP under 2022 Dormant Account funded projects from Sport Ireland
- Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex achieved National Quality Standard “Outstanding Award”
- Clew Bay Bike Trail won the Supporting Tourism Award at Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Gov Event on 24 Nov
- Inishturk Island features in the Christmas edition of “Ireland of the Welcomes” (7-page feature), following a familiarisation trip for Travel Journalists, hosted by the Tourism Department
- Science Week took place in Nov Coding in Castlebar, Deadly Moons in Westport and a Mad Scientist in Belmullet Libraries.

Dates to Note

- ART@ATU – exhibition from MCC Collection on ATU Campus continues until Dec 14.
- EXCEL Youth Art Programme continues until mid-Dec
- The LCDC will open applications in late Jan for the Community Support Fund. The Fund will provide Current funding (Non-Pay) for use towards energy running/operating costs & Capital funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs & improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment.

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- Launch of a Sales & Export Accelerator Prog for businesses with export ambition
- LEO Mayo attended a series of events including the Geopark Communities & the Mayo Social Enterprise Networking & Consultation events
- LEO Mayo hosted an event called ‘Digitalisation for small businesses: what is it and where to start?’ in the iHub, ATU, as a part of the first National Digital Day
- A 4-week ‘OurKidsCode’ programme for kids & their parents (funded by the DRCD) has concluded in 2 Mayo BCPs (Clogher & Bofeenau)

Strategic Capital Projects

- DRCD funding schemes:
 - Ongoing collaboration & information-sharing with DRCD for all schemes & review of all MCC claims and inspections due
 - Closing out all claims for 2022 in relation to ORIS, CLÁR, TVRS & URDF
- Internal Audit Review: Working with SMT on relevant information particularly DRCD schemes Handbook, assessment of Capital Projects, Quarterly Capital reports.

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- MSP Winter initiative Campaign –taking place over the winter months [see here](#)
- 40 Children participated in the MSP organised Mayo Inclusive Cul Camp on 1-2 Nov in the Connaught Centre of Excellence
- Public Joint Policing Committee for 2022 was held on 9 Dec
- Ukrainian crisis supports –3 new Community Support workers employed in Oct (collaboration SLA with Mayo North East). To date they have organised 27 Stay & Play sessions, collated data on children in 12 accommodation centres, liaised with 3 FRC’s in provision of info & support to parent & toddler groups & supports to Ukrainian parents & children
- Mayo County Childcare has successfully submitted the Local Implementation Plan 2023 with Pobal confirming funding increase of 9%

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- A number of projects recently completed under the ORIS Measure 1 including:
 - 2 Pedestrian foot bridges upgraded & replaced Clare Lake/Land of the Giants Trail
 - Improvement & enhancement works on the Burrishoole Loop Walks Trailhead at Tiernaur, Newport
 - Development of a new Mayo Trail website – www.mayotrail.com
- ORIS 2022 M2 funding announced by DRCD on 28 Nov: 3 projects approved (total value €540K) (1) Downpatrick Trail Head Improvements (2) Old Head Trail Head Upgrades (3) Upgrade of Carrowteige Loop Walks
- Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC took place on 5 Dec

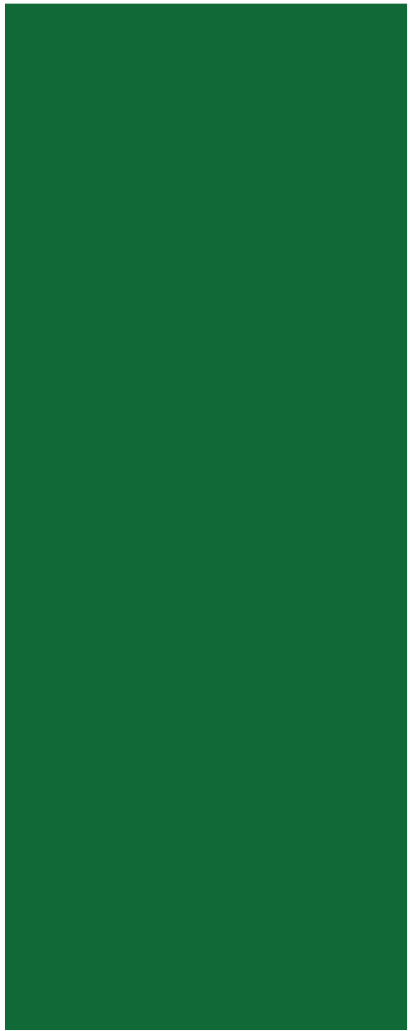
Library Services

- A number of events took place during Nov in Mayo County Library Network, including: weekly Toddler Group and Rainy Day Colouring-in activity in Westport Library, launch of books by Dr Huma Tofique & Martin Keaveney, 2 online ‘Healthy Ireland at your Library’ talks were facilitated by Dr Dorothy Armstrong
- Home Energy Kits in Ballina & Castlebar libraries being loaned to the public
- Castlebar library is participating in the One Million Stars project to help to prevent violence against Women
- The family of Claremorris native, Private Michael Walsh, presented his medals awarded during WW1 which will now go on permanent display in the library
- The Jackie Clarke Collection held its Winter Circus Event on the 4 Dec with a number of performers and a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus



**Financial Management,
 Information Systems & Motor
 Taxation**
PETER DUGGAN

Directorate Highlights



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APPENDIX A

**1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2022 Adopted Budget
 Ten months ended 31st October 2022**

FINANCIAL REVIEW DEC 2022

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Oct-22	Budget 2022	Remaining 2022	% Spent 2022	Inc. To Date Oct-22	Budget 2022	Not Rec'd 2022	% Rec'd 2022
A	Housing and Building	18,163,172	20,197,461	2,034,289	90%	19,474,693	20,549,194	2,074,511	90%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	39,617,900	49,693,190	10,075,290	79%	32,429,394	41,364,352	8,934,958	78%
C	Water Services	14,445,507	16,990,286	2,544,759	85%	17,708,488	20,935,222	3,226,734	85%
D	Development Management	12,109,540	13,623,633	1,514,093	89%	4,419,281	4,357,416	-61,865	101%
E	Environmental Services	13,977,645	16,519,629	2,541,984	85%	4,833,632	5,593,929	760,197	86%
F	Recreation and Amenity	10,498,493	11,303,607	805,114	93%	4,833,632	3,271,700	-899,924	121%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,629,921	1,981,117	361,196	82%	517,133	656,410	139,277	79%
H	Miscellaneous Services	11,996,547	12,130,955	164,408	99%	9,661,260	8,090,249	-891,011	107%
J	Central Management Charges	18,786,101	22,442,222	3,656,121	84%	1,311,963	1,980,000	248,037	84%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	30,529,290	38,696,804	6,137,524	83%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	17,390,754	20,896,905	3,476,151	83%
	GRAND TOTAL	140,194,825	163,892,079	23,697,254	86%	140,227,393	163,892,081	23,664,688	86%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection Oct-22	Collected Oct-22	Arears Oct-22	Collected %
Rents	7,276,791	6,059,357	1,218,434	83%
Rates	39,243,310	26,411,272	12,832,038	67%
Housing Loans	3,110,980	2,442,619	668,361	79%

3. Resources to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft Estimated Interest Incurred
	16 -3,345