



MONTH, YEAR

Highlights

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



The National Revaluation Programme *Reval 2023* is currently being carried out by the Valuation Office in County Mayo. All rate payers will have an opportunity to discuss their proposed valuations with valuers from the Valuations office through a series of walk-in clinics that will be held in Mayo County Council Offices throughout the County between the 3rd and 7th of October.

Mayo County Council is encouraging all rate payers to engage with the Valuations office through these clinics if they have queries with their proposed valuation.

REDUCE YOUR USE

Mayo County Council is taking part in the Government's *Reduce your Use* energy efficiency campaign. The Public Sector has been challenged to take a leading role in our Nation's energy demand due to the energy crisis. Our Energy Team is taking the lead in this campaign. Now more than ever, we need to be mindful of how we use energy in our daily lives – from the moment we wake up to the moment we switch off the lights at night. Together, we can make a difference by taking small but effective energy saving actions.





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Roads: N26 Cloongullane scheme now open to traffic with official opening taking place on 13th October.

N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass is at Phase 2 route option stage, with Public consultation held on 29th September 2022. Preferred route to be finalised in Q1 2023.

Procurement: Ms. Linda Cuffe appointed as Procurement Officer.

Architects: Part 8 planning received for Ballavarry 12 No. Units.

Parks: An Taisce Green Flag awarded for Turlough Park, Jackie Clarke Heritage Garden, Ballina Karen Community Project. Keel Community Playground refurbishment commenced on site. Contract awarded for refurbishment of 4 MUGA Parks. Contract awarded for 'Ripple' water & biodiversity landscape project at Greenhills Estate, Ballina. MCC Annual Programme to manage invasive plant species has commenced.

Heritage: -Commencement of "Old Irish Goat" Gunnera conservation project. Mayo Holy Wells project online survey launched.

Dates to Note

Part 8 for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme published on 27th September. Public Information session to be held on 18th October.

Closing date for receipt of tenders for Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project is 7th October. Expect contract to be awarded in Q1 2023.

Mayo Delegation meeting with TII on 25th October, 2022.

Winter Maintenance Season commences 17th October, 2022 to 28th April, 2023

Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development

TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

- Successful contractor about to be appointed for N60 Heathlawn scheme with works on site to commence in Q4 2022.
- N60 Manulla Scheme is at route option phase with preferred route to be identified in Q4 2022.
- Construction works on going on N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme. Bridge substantially complete. R320 partially re opened to traffic. Scheme completion due in January 2023.
- Contract documents for the N59 Newport – Derrada scheme undergoing final review which will be followed with a request to TII to proceed to tender in Q4 2022.
- Consultants to be procured to progress N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford Scheme through the various phases of scheme delivery.
- Strategic Assessment Report for the N58 Foxford By- Pass has been prepared and forwarded to TII for approval.
- Active Travel programme continues to be delivered with additional funding of €1,539,613 allocated to schemes by NTA during the year.
- Consultant appointed to undertake Appropriate Assessments for all Specific Improvement Schemes along with R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall.
- Consultant about to be appointed to progress the R345 Cong Relief Road Scheme.
- Tender awarded for N84 North of Shrulle road widening scheme.

Housing

The new Housing Programme 'Housing for All '2022-2026 is now underway. The target for 2022 is 90 houses and projects are currently in progress to achieve same.

HAP & RAS (Sept. 2022)

- 13 No. delivered under HAP,
- 1 No. delivered under RAS

Total of 1985 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of September.

Leasing (Sept. 2022)

- No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: No. 368 households currently supported under the Leasing Programme.

Homelessness – 112 No. homeless presentations for Sept.,2022.

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

To date: -

266 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received

236 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

Stage 2 - 43 Grant approval applications received and 39 approved to date

Ukrainian Refugees: -.

Mayo County Council have responded to the Refugee crisis by identifying multi-person properties for refugees as well as inspecting pledged vacant properties. According to the latest CSO statistics data there are 1,813 Ukrainian refugees in Mayo.

Procurement & Efficiency Review

- Continued to monitor plant hire requisitions as part of the MS4 workflow.
- Continuing to assist with National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) – submission deadline extended to 07th October 2022
- Property Services (Auctioneers) RFT – in Evaluation
- Supply of Road signs RFT awarded to PWS



Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



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Flooding: On Thursday 22nd September Minister Patrick O'Donovan visited Mayo to unveil a plaque to mark the completion of the Carrowhally flood scheme and turned the sod on the Cois Abhainn and Ashwood flood scheme.



Mayo Fire Service have recently commissioned an old Fire Engine for attendance at Community based events in the county and during driver training to help convey the fire safety message.



Dates to Note

- MCC will participate in the Governments Reduce your Use campaign which begins in Oct and runs through the winter.
- Climate and biodiversity sub-committee meeting - Oct 6th.
- Mayo Dark Skies and Achill Sustainable Energy communities will launch their Energy Master Plans in October.
- The Climate Adaptation Strategy Progress Report for Oct 2021 – Sept 2022 is due on October 6th.
- Oct is National Reuse Month.
- Green Schools Annual Teachers Seminars take place in October.

ENVIRONMENT

Waste Permitting & Enforcement:

1 Waste Facility Permit and 1 Certificate of Registration have been granted Applications have been received for 3 Waste Facility Permits and 1 Cert of Registration

Environmental Awareness:

A farming feature ran in the Connaught Telegraph highlighting the regulations around burning of green waste.

Caro:

The CARO & Mayo County Council have been successful with two applications to Strand 2 of the Climate Action Fund that has recently been announced.

Project 1 in partnership with Leave No Trace, NUIG and MSLETB will develop educational workshops and toolkit to support coastal communities to best utilise beaches and dunes as a coastal protection.

Project 2 in partnership with NUIG and the DZ Communities in the region to establish a network to develop tools, training and community capacity to support.

Climate Action updates:

- Environment, Climate Change, Agriculture and Emergency Services SPC was held on Sept 22nd. It was agreed at both the SPC and Westport Belmullet MD meeting that the Mayo Dark Skies public lighting pilot in Newport proceed.
- The final Bertra Connected workshop focusing on the protection of the sand dunes was held on 15th Sept. The findings from the workshop series will be presented as part of Westival in late Oct.
- MCC were a key partner in the production of the McHale Park GAA Sustainability strategy which was launched in Sept. A corresponding Mayo GAA sustainability conference was held for all Mayo GAA clubs on Sept 22nd. The Climate Action Officer & Heritage officer gave presentations as the expert partners at the event.
- Mayo County Council participated in Irelands first SDG week and held a social media campaign to highlight how MCC is working toward the goals.

Highlights: MCC have been a successful applicant to phase one of the ESB networks Mini-generation scheme. Any excess electricity produced by the 29kW Solar PV installation at Rathroen Civic Amenity Site will now be sold to the grid.

RURAL WATER

Design & Tender Stages are progressing on the following Group Water Schemes:

Toreen / Aghamore (Measure 3), Ballycroy, Glenhest, Killaturley, Attymass, Derryvohey, Mayo DBO bundle No 2, Robeen, Cuilleens, Drimbane, Ellybay / Backsod, Callow Lake, Dooyork, Cregduff, Cornboy, Rosspport, Kilgalligan, Johnstown / Lavellyroe, Knocknakell, Roy Bingham, Murrisk CWC, Aughinish CWC, Cleragh CWC, Enabeg CWC.

Construction Stage is progressing on the following Group water Schemes; Midfield (Measure 2), Killaturley (Measure 2), Tooreen / Aghamoore (Measure 2), Midfield (Measure 3), Killasser, Irishtown, Barnacarroll, Cloonmoore / Cloonlavish,

Construction Stage Completed on following Group Water 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 in Inver, Barnatra , replacing a problematic section of the watermain.

Public Find and Fix Project Work Areas:

The find and fix crews are working in Castlebar and Ballina.



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Training Figures for September 2022

Indoor

- 90 indoor staff participated in Excel, Minute Taking, Personal Safety at Work, Cardiac First Response, Fire Warden Training and Green Public Procurement Training.
- 11 technical staff participated in Bridge Inventory Survey Maintenance & Inspection & IAT Roads Engineering Course.

Outdoor

- 26 outdoor staff received training on Driver CPC, Safe Loading & Cargo Securing.

Further Education

- 29 indoor and 3 outdoor staff commenced Further Education Courses.

FOI

10 requests, 1 OIC request

PL

2 Claims

Ombudsman

0 requests

1 closed as discontinued/withdrawn

Dates to Note

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 Q1, 2023.

Next SPC – 30th November 2022

Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



HUMAN RESOURCES

New Appointments - 6 x Clerical Officers, 1 x Assistant Engineer, 1 x CES Scheme.

Promotions - 2 x Business Advisor, 1 x Exec Architect, 3 x Assistant Engineer, 1 x Assistant Scientist, 1 x Administrative Officer.

Competitions Advertised - Site Technician Grade 2.

Interviews held - Environmental Enforcement Officer, LIFE Lough Carra Project – Groundwater Officer, LIFE Lough Carra Project – Community Administrator.

Retirements - 1 x Senior Executive Engineer, 1x WWG5, 1 x GO

Training Centre Update; A total of 44 courses have been delivered safely through Castlebar Regional Training Centre for the month of September. This is a total of 592 courses to date and a 20% increase on 2019 (pre COVID) activity

CORPORATE/COMMUNICATIONS

- Public information updates
- Media Responses and Co-ordination of corporate Advertising.
- Managing arrangements for Mayo County Council delegation visit to Cleveland for attendance at a number of engagements including the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland annual dinner.
- Key promotional campaigns -
 - Information rollout for Mayo's events for Culture Night 2022
 - WEEE Electric Waste
 - Stop Food Waste tips
 - Supporting LEO promotions
 - September Line-up of Local Live Performance Scheme 2022, Architecture at The Edge 2022, and #BEACTIVE European Week of Sport promotion
 - Celebrating Mayo County park and Green Space Green Flag Awards of 2022
 - Age Friendly Business Programme advertising campaign
 - Mayo PPN's Community Wellbeing Consultation Workshop publicity
 - Phase 2 of the Connected Hubs Voucher Scheme
- Oifig na Gaeilge - Full review of activities of Oifig na Gaeilge
- Road Safety - Planning underway for 2023 AXA Road Safety Roadshow

PLANNING DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

- Applications Received: 115
- Decisions to Grant: 92
- Decisions to Refuse: 6
- Forthcoming Decisions: 121
- Formal Preplanning applications: 8
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 50



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- MSP co-ordinated the delivery of 49 events during European Week of Sport from 23– 30 Sept.
- Judging for the Age Friendly Recognition Awards took place 19- 23 Sept. Results due on 23 Oct. Shortlisted for Mayo: IWAK and Shannon Airports (Age Friendly Airports), Local Link (contribution & help to elderly during Covid 19) & An Garda Síochána (digital map & register of those living alone/vulnerable)
- Filming of the Netflix movie 'Irish Wish' took place at IWAK & in Westport during Sept
- Filming on the GWG for Neven Maguire's RTÉ TV series 'Neven's Irish Greenways' took place on 13-14 Sept and will air in Jan/Feb 2023
- Leisure Centre at Lough Lannagh nominated for the "Inspiring Organisation" award for National Recovery Day 2022
- Official opening of Sensory Cubbie in Swinford Library took place on 5 Sept
- Careers Development workshops took place in C/Bar Library on 12,19, 26 Sept

Dates to Note

- Next Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC meeting - 12 Oct 2022
- 'Fighting Words' teenage writing workshop takes place in Castlebar Library 29 Sept
 - Children's Book Club (9-12 yrs) takes place in Castlebar Library on last Friday of each month
 - MSP Autumn 22 schedule of events available - click [Here](#)
 - Mayo Social Inclusion Awareness Week 2022 Oct 10–16. Full details at www.mayo.ie
 - Sláintecare Healthy Communities Mayo Launch takes place Oct 28 in Belmullet

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee held 7 Sept with 4 projects supported
- Damien English TD, visited LEO Mayo and met with several client companies including Nigel O'Reilly Goldsmith Ltd. and Skillko Ltd.
- 8 Mayo businesses won awards at this year's Blas na hÉireann held in Kerry
- The EU Project "MegaAWE" has re-arranged project deliverables and has identified a suitable replacement airborne wind energy developer to make use of the test site. Now awaiting EU approval for the modification

National Ploughing Championships Update:

- Collins Plastics (Ballina) was the LEO Mayo representative in the Enterprise Village
- Minister Heather Humphreys, TD announced Phase 2 of the National Connected Hubs Voucher Scheme
- Michael Clarke (Clarke Eng), a LEO Mayo client, won the Young Innovator Award

Strategic Capital Projects

- Ongoing collaboration & information-sharing with DRCD re CLÁR, T&VRS & ORIS
- Notification of successful CLÁR 2022 projects
- 2nd MCC Capital Projects Quarterly Report delivered to EMs at Sept meeting

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Mayo Arts Office has commenced delivery of its Autumn Professional Development Programme, full detail at [MayoArtsFlyer](#)
- Culture Night, funded by MCC & the Arts Council & supported by Creative Ireland & participating groups & venues in Mayo with Midwest Radio as Media Sponsor, took place on 23 Sept in 35 locations across Mayo
- Mayo Sport Partnership(MSP) Autumn 2022 Newsletter is available at www.mayo.ie
- Mayo County Childcare Committee has received Ukrainian crisis support from the DCEDIY, which allows for the recruitment of Community Support workers in collaboration with Mayo North East.
- Mayo PPN are developing a Vision for Community Wellbeing for County Mayo in consultation with communities. Details of consultation events on www.mayoppn.ie

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- The Bowers Way walking trail completed on 9 Sept, now open to the public
- Contract awarded for the appointment of an Architectural/Engineering Consultants to progress the development of a Climbing Wall and Outdoor pursuits facility at the Leisure Centre at Lough Lannagh
- Work substantially complete on new 1.4km section on Monasteries of the Moy Trail close to Belleek Woods. Anticipated it will open to the public from mid-October
- Development works complete on 5km section of the Clew Bay Trail/ G/way, located between Achill Sound & Cashel - opened to public from 3 Oct 2022

Library Services

- Over 500 people attended the Summer Stars presentation evenings in Castlebar, Belmullet and Westport Libraries (3 and 19 Sept)
- Age Action computer classes resumed in Castlebar and Ballina Libraries on 12 Sept
- 82 musical instruments were lent from Castlebar library in Sept
- An exhibition of Civil War related items officially opened on Oct 3 at the Jackie Clarke Collection & the Green Flag which the collection has achieved was raised

Marine

- The Transatlantic Cable linking the US & Europe - AFC-2 - was landed at Old Head in mid Sept
- A navigational buoy at Killary Harbour was replaced



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

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APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REVIEW OCT 2022

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

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Aug-22	Budget 2022	Remaining 2022	% Spent 2022	Inc. To Date Aug-22	Budget 2022	Not Rec'd 2022	% Rec'd 2022
A	Housing and Building	14,008,984	20,197,461	6,188,477	69%	14,098,898	20,549,194	6,450,296	69%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	29,767,357	48,693,190	18,925,833	61%	24,702,879	41,384,352	16,681,473	60%
C	Water Services	8,997,897	16,980,286	6,982,699	59%	12,627,578	20,935,222	8,307,644	80%
D	Developmental Management	9,510,639	13,623,633	4,112,774	70%	3,469,079	4,357,416	886,337	80%
E	Environmental Services	11,012,613	16,519,629	5,507,016	67%	3,605,691	5,593,829	1,988,138	64%
F	Recreation and Amenity	8,198,444	11,303,607	3,105,163	73%	3,087,701	3,271,700	183,999	94%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,290,454	1,991,117	700,663	65%	415,210	656,410	241,200	63%
H	Miscellaneous Services	9,403,195	12,130,985	2,727,760	78%	6,905,610	8,080,249	1,174,639	85%
J	Central Management Charges	15,005,218	22,442,222	7,437,004	67%	1,014,164	1,560,000	545,836	65%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	24,386,696	36,666,804	12,281,108	67%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	13,904,603	20,856,905	6,952,302	67%
GRAND TOTAL		108,194,720	163,892,079	55,697,359	66%	108,217,109	163,892,081	55,674,972	66%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Aug-22	Arrears Aug-22	Collected %
Rents	6,653,453	5,344,807	1,308,646	80%
Rates	39,434,750	24,780,779	14,653,972	63%
Housing Loans	2,848,836	2,165,561	883,276	76%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft	Estimated interest incurred
	840	2