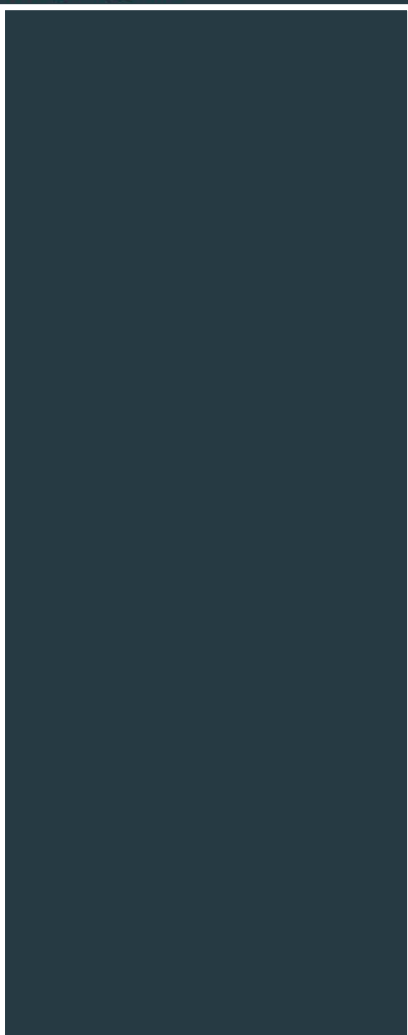


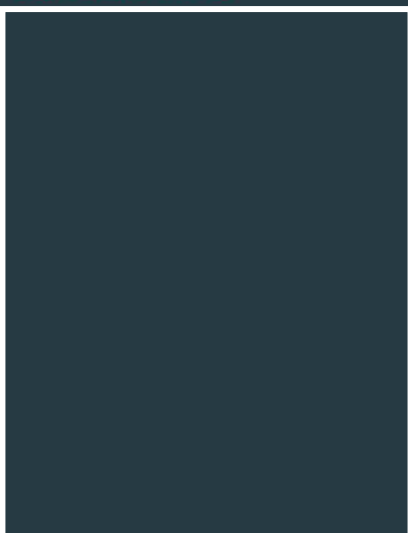


June 2022

Highlights



Dates to Note



CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



ORIS Audits and related matters

The Members having considered the above at a meeting in February referred all issues to the Audit Committee for consideration.

Further work has been undertaken as follows:

Mayo County Council Inspection and Financial Review of DRCD ORIS, CLÁR and TVRS Projects

This comprised of additional inspection of 25 CLÁR and TVRS projects which had submitted or were about to submit final claims and was designed to assess if works delivered matched the project as outlined, whether all invoices were eligible for grant funding and to identify any change of scope if required. Furthermore, 17 ORIS projects (which had not been previously audited) were similarly reviewed.

Internal Audit Report - Review of DRCD CLÁR and TVRS Schemes

In January 2022 our Internal Auditors (Crowleys DFK) were requested by the Audit Committee to undertake a process Audit as above in respect of projects and schemes advanced in the 2018 – 2020 period.

Internal Audit Report – Review of DRCD Recommendations in respect of ORIS Review and measures being implemented by Mayo Co Co.

Following the referral by the Elected Members to our Audit Committee the AC requested our Internal Auditors (Crowleys DFK) to undertake an audit of our revised systems and procedures to review if the revised procedures implemented are sufficiently robust or if any further requirements can be identified and to review progress on actioning the audit recommendations and the follow-on measures that were identified by Mayo County Council.

It was previously indicated to the Members that this work would be completed before the end of May and all of these reports have been completed, have been considered by the Audit Committee and were submitted to the DRCD before the end of May.

The most recent audits and reviews have not found any repeat of the significant financial issues encountered in the ORIS Audit, the actions taken to date have been acknowledged and the recommendations are mainly relating to process and procedures. The CLÁR/TVRS review was in respect of transactions undertaken prior to recent ORIS audit findings and therefore prior to any revised measures being put in place by Mayo County Council.

Every identified action has been taken to ensure that our future processes from project selection through to final grant drawdown will be delivered in full compliance with all relevant requirements, but it is acknowledged that this is an ongoing process.

We await hearing further from DRCD and I will advise the Members when I receive a response.



Directorate Highlights

Roads - Additional funding of €336,000 confirmed from NTA for the preparation of a Local Transport Plan for Westport. Consultants currently being appointed.

Architects - Completion of 3 new dwellings at the Boreen, Crossmolina. Received Part 8 planning for 9 No. units at Carnacon.

Parks - Tenders returned for Community Playground Refurbishment at Sandbanks Keel and new community playground at Killala Road, Ballina and new MUGA at Belcarra.

Heritage - €48,000 funding secured under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund for 3 projects in 2022

Dates to Note

**Roads SPC – 17th June
Housing SPC – 16th June
LTACC Meeting – 16th June**

**Roads
Construction works on going on N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme. Bridge beams to be installed on 21st – 23rd June.**

Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development
TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

Tender published for N60 Heathlawn scheme.
N60 Manulla Scheme is at route option phase with preferred route to be identified in Q4 2022.
Strategic Assessment Report submitted to TII for N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford.
Strategic Assessment Report has commenced for the N58 Foxford By- Pass.
Works on going for 2022 National Road Pavement Overlay programme
Consultant appointed to progress Regional and Local Road Bridge Rehabilitation Programme
Agreement with DoT to proceed with repair works to Achill Sound Bridge.
Consultant about to be appointed to undertake Appropriate Assessments for all Specific improvement Schemes along with R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall.
Tender published for the appt of Consultants to progress R345 Cong Relief Road.

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 (May 2022)

11 No. delivered under HAP 2 No. delivered under RAS
Total of 2,038 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of May.

Leasing (May 2022)

6 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.
Total: 356 No. households currently supported under the Leasing Programme.

Homelessness

8 No. homeless presentations for May 2022 Total presentation for 2022 = 57

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

234 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received
123 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued
Stage 2 - 35 Grant approval applications received and 21 approved to date

Ukrainian Refugees:

MCC have responded to the refugee crisis by identifying multi-person properties for refugees as well as inspecting vacant pledged vacant properties. According to the latest CSO data there are 790 Ukrainian refugees in Mayo.

Expression of Interest for Affordable Housing

775 expression of interest were received. We will compile a full analysis of the data for the Housing SPC on 16th June 2022. A revised application will then be forwarded to the Department for Affordable Housing for Westport.

Procurement & Efficiency Unit

- Published RFQ for Heritage Section surrounding Himalayan Balsam Weed Control Services
- Ran RFT for Verge & Hedge cutter with Operator & PSCS for National Roads – N5, N17, N26, N58, N60, N83, N84, N59
- RFT for supply of bituminous bound materials 2022 completed.



Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



Directorate Highlights

- ▶ A Virtual Awards Ceremony was held by An Taisce on the 25th of May for 26 Mayo schools who received their Green Flags.
- ▶ An Taisce announced the International Blue Flag and Green Coast Award recipients for 2022 on the 20th May.

BEACHES:

An Taisce announced the International Blue Flag and Green Coast Award recipients for 2022, **with Mayo receiving 9 Blue Flag and 5 Green Flag Awards.** The awards were presented by Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Heritage and Electoral Reform at a ceremony on Curracloe Beach in County Wexford on Friday 20th May 2022. The Blue Flag, a recognition of beach and water quality excellence, was awarded to the following beaches: Dooega, Elly Bay, Keel, Keem, Mullahgrove, Mulranny, Ross Killala, Silver Strand Dugort and Golden Strand. **Mayo was also awarded 5 Green Coast Awards** for the following beaches Tranaun Beach on Inishturk Island, Termon Beach, Srah Beach, Portacloy Beach and Rinroe Beach.

CARO: The Atlantic Seaboard North Regional Energy Bureau has formally been established and will provide technical support to the local authorities in the region towards meeting their energy and emission targets. Mayo County Council are the lead local authority in partnership with Donegal, Sligo, Galway County and Galway City Councils with 50% funding from SEAI over 3 years through a Pathfinder Programme.

CLIMATE ACTION:

Erris and Tourmakeady Sustainable Energy Communities launched their Energy Master Plans (EMP). The Erris EMP was the first to be bridge financed through the Mayo Co. Co. partnership with SEAI.

The Sustainable Agriculture Working Group facilitated the visit of Kenyan Ambassador Mr. Michael Mubea to a working dairy farm in East Mayo.

ENFORCEMENT:

The enforcement team submitted 6 project applications to the Department under the Anti-Dumping Initiative and were awarded funding of €127,803.00. The projects will be completed over the coming months. 170 waste related complaints were received, and 235 waste inspections carried out during April.

RURAL WATER:

We have received an offer from Irish Water for connection to the public mains. Contractor appointed for construction of network upgrade to the following:

Midfield GWS (€161,756.00). Upgrade works are 85% complete.

Irishtown GWS (€350,000.00). Upgrade works are 30% complete.

Killasser GWS (€578,000.00). Barnacarroll GWS (€250,000.00).

MAINS REHABILITATION PROJECT: Bunree Road, Ballina watermain upgrade works have commenced and are progressing on schedule.

FIND AND FIX PROJECT: Ballina Crews: Works now completed in the following DMA's in Rural Areas North of Crossmolina town. ■MA02512 ■MA02517 ■MA02520 ■MA02564 ■MA02563 In Ballina town, Find & Fix Crews now working in the following DMA's. ■MA02546 ■MA02551 Claremorris Crews: Works now completed DMA's in Claremorris MA02641 - LM_Cmorris_Valve_House_43 & MA02637 - LM_Cmorris_VH40 Ballindine DMA. These crews have now moved to Castlebar town DMA's. MA02591. Find & Fix crews currently working DMA's in Castlebar, ■ MA02591 ■ MA02590

FIRE SERVICE TRAINING

2 new entrants to Mayo Fire Service have successfully completed the QQI Firefighting skills course. Mayo Fire Service were successful in their application for capital grant aid to 100% fund the provision of a water tanker in the county.

Dates to Note

30th May - 6th June - National Food Waste Recycling Week



Directorate Highlights

Planning Data for May 2022

- Applications Received: 99
- Decisions to Grant: 84
- Decisions to Refuse :6
- Forthcoming Decisions: 102
- Formal Preplanning applications: 4
- Appointments at Planning Clinics: 52

Training

- 120 indoor staff received training on Manual Handling, Personal Safety at Work, Ascendas, Excel & Green Public Procurement.
- 18 staff attended SafeTALK Suicide Prevention Training.

Freedom of Information 20 requests in May 2022

Public Liability 9 Claims in May 2022

Ombudsman 2 Claims in May 2022

Dates to Note

Corporate, Culture, Education, Heritage and Library Services SPC held on 26th May.

Next SPC date – TBC.

The Property Unit is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitable organisations who possibly will lease the former Westport Courthouse. The closing date for submissions is Friday the 24th of June 2022.

Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



Human Resources

New Appointments in May 2022

- 1 x Graduate Placement
- 1 x Regional Waste Co Ordinator
- 1 X Assistant Staff Officer
- 2 x Driver /Plant Operator
- 1 x SEE
- 1 x RFF
- 1 x Slainte Care Local Development Officer
- 1 x Project Manager Life Lough Carra
- 33 x Seasonal Beach/Pool Lifeguards

Promotions

- 1 X Senior Exec Engineer

Competitions May 2022

Advertised

- Business Advisor
- Healthy County Co-ordinator
- Retained Firefighter

Competitions Screened/Shortlisted

- Senior Staff Officer
- Senior Resident Engineer
- Assistant Resident Engineer
- Resident Engineer
- Healthy Ireland Co Ordinator

Interviews held

- Assistant Scientist, Clerical Officer Round 2

Retirements in May

- 1 WWC Grade 5, 1 AO, 1 x GSS , 1 x GO

Communications

- Public information updates on traffic disruption, Water repairs, recruitment.
- Media Responses to local and national Media queries.
- Delivery of Home To Mayo 2022, working in partnership with more than 25 event organisers locally, nationally and internationally during the month of May.
- Key promotional Campaigns
 - Home to Mayo – Working with partners at home and away to increase promotion of home to Mayo Festival for May 2022.
 - Dog Warden licence inspections.
 - Environment Green Algae notifications.
 - Funding call outs – Anti Litter Grant.
 - Affordable Housing Expression of Interest call out.

Month in numbers:

- #MayoDay campaign had an estimated reach of 22.1 million with over 28 thousand interactions in the build up to and on the day.
- #HomeToMayo digital campaign had an estimated reach of 18.2 million with over 27.5 thousand interactions.

Property and Organisational Change

- Purchase of Mayo House completed.
- Sale of EPA Building progressing.
- Full review of office accommodation needs underway.



Directorate Highlights

- MCC hosted a very successful community day in the community centre in Brackloon/Drummin, Liscarney, Westport on the 13-05-22 to provide information and demonstration of the Horizon 2020 funded project called IDEAS.
- The Mayo Business Awards 2022 took place 29-04-22. 21 businesses received awards from Mayo Chambers and Local Enterprise Office Mayo.
- Ballina Community Clean Up awarded Pride of Place Award in the > 5,000 category.
- 1000 young musicians performed in the annual Music Generation concert in TF in May
- Bealtaine festival-Storyteller Pat 'the hat' Speight visited Ballina and Belmullet Libraries.
- MCC Library Service was interviewed by Sean Moncrieff on Newstalk about Music Instruments Banks & lending
- 4 Beach Wheelchairs have been delivered and will be located at Keel, Dugort (Silver Strand) & Carrowmore Beaches

Dates to Note

- Castlebar Sports Fair taking place 13 June 22 from 7pm-10pm in Breaffy Woods Hotel
- Mayo Sports Ability Week 20 – 26 June organised by MSP will focus on people who have a disability participating in sport across the county.
- Launch of the Age Friendly Strategy for Mayo on 7 June 22
- Launch of Ireland's 1st Age Friendly Airports on 17 June 22.
- Writeclub, a drop-in creative writing group for teens, takes place on last Thursday of each month in Castlebar Library.

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- REBOOT held a Networking event 12-05-22 with organisations and businesses from Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo in attendance. Read more about REBOOT here <https://rebootandnetwork.ie/>
- The Mayo Table networking event for food and beverage producers took place on 25-05-22.
- MCC applied to ABP for approval of plans for the remediation of the Claremorris Closed Landfill. The application is at public consultation stage now, seeking submissions or observations for a 7-week period.

Strategic Capital Projects

- CLÁR 2022: 15 applications for Mayo submitted to DRCD on 06-05-22.
- T&VRS Street Enhancement Measure: Completion of return to DRCD on 2021 scheme which was delivered in Castlebar, Ballina, Ballinrobe, Newport.
- T&VRS St Enhancement Measure 2022- Ballyhaunis (1 town/LA) submitted.
- MCC Capital Projects: Workshop with EMs on Quarterly capital report 04/05.

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- 88 Sports Clubs & Community Groups were allocated a total of €107, 503 under MSPs Return to Sport Small Grant Scheme.
- €471k to 6 Sports Clubs under the Sports Capital & Equipment Programme.
- Local Live Performance Programme Scheme events held in various locations including Claremorris, Ballyhaunis, Clare Island, Inishturk, Shrule, Achill.
- Transitional funding commencing from May up to end of Aug 2022 to maintain financial viability for Childcare Services in Co. Mayo.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Bonnicnonlon Loop Walk completed 10-05-22.
- Clew Bay G/way: Boardwalk nearing completion at Saula West, Achill and will be in operational use by July.
- Tourism Strategy Statement was reviewed and presented to the SPC 27-05-22.
- Directional Signage for the Clew Bay Bike Trail has been installed.
- Allocation of Regional Festivals & Participative Events Funding underway.

Library Services

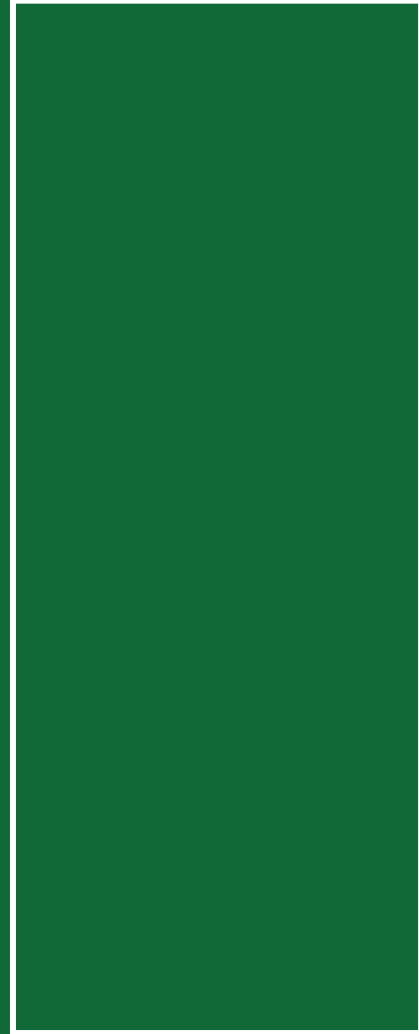
- The Jackie Clarke Collection is now fully reopened and holding 4 discovery tours/week for primary and secondary schools from across Mayo & Sligo.
- 'We are Mayo', a photographic and written record of County Mayo by Tom Brett and Sean Rice was officially launched by Ireland's First Woman, Sabina Higgins, on 05-05-22 in Castlebar Library.
- Weekly Library services for Ukrainians include an English program in Castlebar, a selection of books in Ukrainian and story time sessions.
- Speech and Language Therapist Nadine Dabbagh spoke to parents about using books to develop language and literacy in Castlebar and Ballina Libraries.
- 4 branch libraries took part in Mental Health Ireland's first national day.

Marine

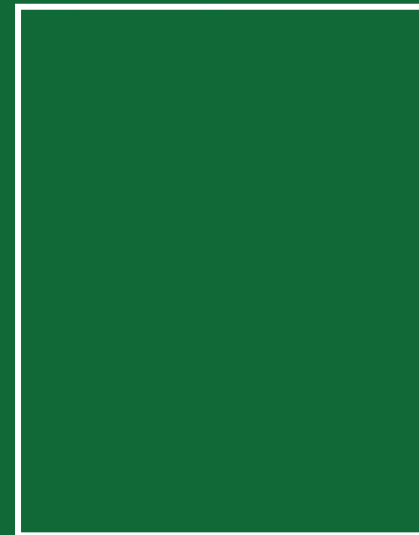
- Facilitated the arrival of first post Covid Cruise Ship which Landed at Kilcummin and Clare Island.
- Presented Draft Harbour Bye-Laws for consideration at the Enterprise Planning and Marine SPC and Presented a concept overview of the North West Mayo Blueway at the Tourism. Recreation. Food and Community Engagement SPC.



Directorate Highlights



Dates to Note



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

PETER DUGGAN



APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REVIEW JUNE 2022

Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2022 Adopted Budget
 Four months ended 30th APRIL 2022

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE			INCOME				
		Exp. To Date Apr-22	Budget 2022	Remaining 2022	% Spent 2022	Inc. To Date Apr-22	Budget 2022	Not Rec'd 2022	% Rec'd 2022
A	Housing and Building	6,630,585	20,197,461	13,566,876	33%	6,697,125	20,549,194	13,852,069	33%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	7,816,555	48,693,190	40,876,634	16%	5,145,871	41,364,352	36,218,481	12%
C	Water Services	4,512,374	16,990,266	12,477,892	27%	5,842,564	20,935,222	15,092,657	28%
D	Development Management	4,544,774	13,623,633	9,078,858	33%	1,470,160	4,357,416	2,887,256	34%
E	Environmental Services	5,333,641	16,519,629	11,185,988	32%	1,714,773	5,593,829	3,879,056	31%
F	Recreation and Amenity	3,656,944	11,303,607	7,646,663	32%	1,118,013	3,271,700	2,153,687	34%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	636,742	1,991,117	1,354,375	32%	192,285	656,410	464,125	29%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,258,269	12,130,955	6,872,686	43%	3,940,875	8,080,249	4,139,374	49%
J	Central Management Charges	7,415,970	22,442,222	15,026,252	33%	473,443	1,560,000	1,086,557	30%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	12,266,772	36,666,804	29,714,502	33%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	6,952,302	20,856,905	8,590,133	33%
GRAND TOTAL		45,805,855	163,892,079	118,086,225	28%	45,814,184	163,892,081	118,077,897	28%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Apr-22	Arrears Apr-22	% Collected
Rents	3,872,898	2,628,320	1,244,578	68%
Rates	40,042,692	13,161,604	26,881,088	33%
Housing Loans	1,795,799	1,082,721	713,078	60%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft Estimated Interest incurred
	5
	2,712