



**MONTH, YEAR**

**Highlights**

**Dates to Note**

**Chief Executive Report**  
**KEVIN KELLY**





## Directorate Highlights

### Roads

Contractor now appointment for repair works to Achill Sound Bridge with works to be undertaken in 2023.

Speed limit review has commenced

Consultant now appointed for Phases 1 to 4 for R345 Cong Relief Road Scheme.

### Architects

Letter of Acceptance signed for Atlantic View, Belmullet – 4 dwellings

### Conservation

Architectural conservation works were completed and funding recouped for 13 projects

### Parks

Removal of dangerous trees – 4 sites - 5 more sites identified .

## Dates to Note

Housing SPC Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Roads & Transportation SPC – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough scheme with overall project completion still due in Q2 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 Q1 2023.

## Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development

**TOM GILLIGAN**



### Roads

- Part 8 report for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme currently being prepared.
- Consultant procurement ongoing for N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford Scheme for phases 2 to 4 of scheme delivery.
- Strategic Assessment Report for the N58 Foxford By- Pass currently being updated following on from TII review.
- Design phase of the 2023 National Road pavement programme is ongoing.
- Active Travel programme continues to be delivered with 2023 submission forwarded to NTA.
- Design report being prepared for N60 Brickens re-alignment at railway overbridge.
- Approval from TII to proceed to tender for N84 Ballinrobe traffic lights.
- Tender assessment on going in relation to the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

### Housing

The overall target for Social Housing under Housing for All is 730 up to 2026. The target for 2022 was 90 units, 91 was provided. The 2023 target is 151 units and projects are currently underway to meet this target.

#### HAP & RAS (Dec. 2022)

- 19 No. delivered under HAP,
- 7 No. delivered under RAS

Total of 1986 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of Nov.

#### Leasing (Dec. 2022)

- 2 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: No. 374 households currently supported under the Leasing Programme.

**Homelessness** – 6 homeless presentations for Nov. 134 presentations for 2022.

### Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

To date: -

283 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received

275 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

54 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received and 45 approved to date

42 Stage 3 Grant stage payments have been made.

**Ukrainian Response:** The National call for unoccupied homes commenced in Nov and is being led by LAs up to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023. MCC has been offered 50 properties, 4 of which have been deemed unsuitable for a variety of reasons. The Councils Ukrainian Response Centre, Westport was stood up over the Christmas period with 16 women and children being provided temporary accommodation. Works has commenced on the OPW site in Claremorris for 28 modular homes.

#### Procurement & Efficiency

- Retendered Road Making Materials competition for 2023
- Green Procurement Training
- Evaluated tenders for Housing Inspectors



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

**JOHN CONDON**



### Directorate Highlights

#### Fire Service



#### FIRE SERVICE

##### Home Fire Safety Visits

A programme of Home Fire Safety Visits in the County was successfully launched in December 2022. 10 homes in each of our 12 fire station grounds were identified where occupants were elderly or vulnerable. .

“Our “Home Fire Safety Visit Programme” is a new initiative that aims to increase fire safety awareness and is an important step towards creating safer homes and communities. As part of the programme, trained professionals will visit participating households and provide guidance on fire prevention measures such as checking smoke alarms, identifying and addressing potential fire hazards, and creating an emergency escape plan.

### Dates to Note

#### CIVIL DEFENCE

Our annual presentation night was held on the 15th of December in the presence of Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seamus Weir.

Members received Civil Defence Covid 19 Service Medals, Long Service Medals for 10, 20 & 30 years & training certificates where presented. Promotions where also announced by the Civil Defence Officer.

#### Severe Weather

Mayo Civil Defence responded to requests for assistance on the 10th, 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 due to treacherous road conditions across the county as a result of a severe cold spell. Civil Defence assisted An Garda Síochána, Mayo County Council, The Saolta Hospital Group, Castlebar Social Services and Mayo Roscommon Hospice Palliative Home Care Services with transportation.

Assisting access to those in need, transport of essential staff and delivery of essential supplies. Our Volunteer members are trained to respond to such incidents using our 4x4 vehicles. They undertake training and are certified as Severe Weather and off-road drivers.

#### RURAL WATER

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

**Construction Stage** is progressing on the following Group water 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, Barnacarroll GWS & Cloonmoore / Cloonlavish GWS ( All Measure 5) .

**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 on the Carne Rd, Belmullet

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



## Directorate Highlights

### Planning Data for December 2022

- Applications Received: 103
- Decisions to Grant: 75
- Decisions to Refuse: 6
- Forthcoming Decisions: 108
- Formal Preplanning applications: 12
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 24

Ministerial Direction on the Mayo County Development Plan was made on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 with minor amendments to the Draft Direction. Final Plan is now available on [www.mayo.ie](http://www.mayo.ie)

FOI:	7 FOI Request & 2 Internal Review Requests
PL Claims:	10 Claims
Ombudsman:	2 Queries

## Dates to Note

Next meeting of Culture, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs SPC provisionally scheduled for 08<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

AXA Road Safety Show – 1st February 2023, Royal Theatre, Castlebar at 10am.

## Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



### HUMAN RESOURCES

New Appointments in December 2022

- 1 x General Operative

Promotions

- 1 x Head of Information Systems

Competitions Advertised in December 2022

- Executive Architect, Town Regeneration Officer

Interviews held in December 2022

- Staff Officer (Prelim Round), Station Officer, Sub Station Officer

Retirements in December 2022

- 1 x General Operative, 1 x Craftsman, 1 x Waterworks Caretaker III

### Training Figures for December 2022

10 **indoor staff** participated in PMDS Training for Line Managers.

75 **outdoor staff** received training on Hazardous Goods Awareness, Signing Lighting & Guarding at Roadworks, Location of Underground Services, Driver CPC, Manual Handling, Polesaw and Chainsaw.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Public information updates on severe weather, traffic disruption, Water repairs, recruitment
- Media Responses
- Co-ordinated the visit of a Mayo County Council delegation to Chicago incorporating attendance at Mayo Association events and hosting a networking event with the Mayo Chicago Community, highlighting key initiatives for Diaspora/Tourism in 2023
  - Ballina 2023
  - International Mayo Day 2023
- Key promotional campaigns –
  - #ToBeIrish at Christmas – Eight videos celebrating Mayo shared as part of the Department of Foreign Affairs Campaign
  - Cathaoirleach’s Awards – Continued roll out of social media with previous winners videos shared to promote this year’s awards.
  - Be Winter Ready
  - County Mayo Christmas Events Campaign
  - Free Christmas Urban Parking
  - Reduce- Christmas- Waste
  - Promotion of County Mayo
- Oifig na Gaeilge
  - Irish-language staff survey completed
  - Strategic planning undertaken for 2023 implementation of new Official Languages Act requirements



## Directorate Highlights

- 2022 exhibition launch for EXCEL Youth Art Programme held in Achill Library on 2 Dec
- The Sports Inclusion County Boccia League took place in Breaffy GAA Club on 5 Dec
- MSP secured €86k in COVID19 Return to Sport Funding 2023
- MSP delivered a Club Volunteer 2022 Support Webinar on 1 Dec
- Great Western G/way featured on RTÉ "Neven's Greenway Food Trails" broadcast 4 Jan
- The Wild Nephin National Park & Mayo Dark Sky Park featured in Episode 1 of Eco Eye broadcast on RTÉ on 5 Jan
- The Tourism Section, in collaboration with industry partners and destination groups from across County Mayo, will participate at The Holiday World Trade Events in Belfast 20-22 Jan & in Dublin 27-29 Jan
- Winter Garden Festival held at the Jackie Clarke Collection 12 Dec
- A biodiversity Workshop in conjunction with Castlebar Biodiversity Plan held 1 Dec

## Dates to Note

- Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning & Marine SPC - 9 Feb
- Winners of Pride of Place Awards 2022 will be announced on 21 Jan. Mayo entries - Kilmovee Community Centre and Achill Tourism
- Two Youth theatre workshops taking place in January

## Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



### Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- LEO presented a review of 2022 to members of the Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning & Marine SPC which took place in Dec
- A business networking event, on branding to grow a business, was held as part of the REBOOT programme (a collaboration between the LEOs and Local Development Companies in Mayo, Sligo & Roscommon)
- The launch of the 'Appetite for Growth' report was held in the Bia Innovator Campus, Athenry. The report provides insights into the skills needs of food and drink manufacturers in the region

### Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Mayo County Childcare completed the delivery of the Ukrainian crisis support project which delivered 28 stay and play sessions
- €322k allocated under The Community Support Fund by the DRCD
- Wide range of activities delivered in Dec including: Winter Initiative run up to Christmas, P.R.O. Training for Clubs, MSP also delivered 1 safeguarding course, Adult Swimming Lessons for beginners, Pickleball, 12 Activator Poles walking Programmes etc.
- MSP is one of 6 Local Sports Partnerships Nationwide selected for a Physical Activity for Health Officer Pilot Project with €60k secured for 2023
- Mayo PPN have announced their suite of training for 2023. See: [January 2023 Free Training](#) & [February 2023 Free Training](#)
- MCC will submit the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025 Local Strategy and 2023 Activities Workplan to Pobal by end of January
- 24 apps received as part of the Stage 1 N5 Public Art Commission Comp

### Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Clew Bay Tourism Networking Event took place 8 Dec
- Phase 2 of the EOI for Service Provision Contract at Lough Lannagh Leisure Centre took place 13 Dec - 2 applicants progressed to Phase 3 and received a formal RFT on 05/01/2023, with a return date of 30/01/2023
- Outdoor Pursuits Building tender replies due by end of Q1 2023
- Funding of €32k approved by Fáilte Ireland for Regional Festival and Participative Events 2023
- "Like a Shot" Entertainment Company filming at Moorehall from 16 Jan with footage to feature on programmes in UK and USA

### Library Services

- 12 events took place in Castlebar and Ballina Libraries over Dec as part of 'Right to Read Family Time at Your Library', including the 'Polar Express' Christmas event on 15 Dec
- Castlebar library hosted a welcome afternoon for families living in direct provision on 19 Dec, including story time and arts & crafts
- There were 62 appointments for the Sensory Room in Ballina in December with 120 people using the facility
- Ballina library events: HSE DESMOND Workshop for Diabetics 12 Dec; Heartfulness Meditation lunchtime session 15 Dec



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

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Mayo County Council

**1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2022 Adopted Budget**  
 Eleven months ended 30th November 2022

**APPENDIX A**  
 FINANCIAL REVIEW DEC 2022

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Nov-22	Budget 2022	Remaining 2022	% Spent 2022	Inc. To Date Nov-22	Budget 2022	Not Rec'd 2022	% Rec'd 2022
A	Housing and Building	20,290,769	20,197,461	-93,307	100%	20,543,464	20,549,194	5,730	100%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	46,690,526	48,693,190	2,002,664	96%	39,918,154	41,364,352	1,446,198	97%
C	Water Services	15,533,205	16,990,266	1,457,061	91%	19,127,445	20,935,222	1,807,777	91%
D	Development Management	13,535,600	13,623,633	88,033	99%	5,070,944	4,357,416	-713,528	116%
E	Environmental Services	15,449,620	16,519,629	1,070,009	94%	5,572,567	5,593,829	21,262	100%
F	Recreation and Amenity	11,766,731	11,303,607	-463,124	104%	4,205,152	3,271,700	-933,452	129%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,776,892	1,991,177	214,225	89%	568,532	656,410	87,878	87%
H	Miscellaneous Services	12,922,360	12,130,955	-791,405	107%	9,453,418	8,090,249	-1,373,169	117%
J	Central Management Charges	20,597,106	22,442,222	1,845,116	92%	1,470,759	1,590,000	89,242	94%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	33,537,393	36,666,804	3,129,421	91%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	19,118,830	20,856,905	1,738,075	92%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>169,562,308</b>	<b>163,997,079</b>	<b>5,565,229</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>169,566,446</b>	<b>163,992,001</b>	<b>5,574,445</b>	<b>97%</b>

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

	Total for collection	Collected Nov-22	Aims Nov-22	% Collected
Rents	8,049,455	6,686,744	1,353,711	83%
Rates	39,095,074	28,038,938	11,056,136	72%
Housing Loans	3,371,823	2,703,392	668,441	80%

**3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility**

	Number of days in overdraft	Estimated interest incurred
	20	-13,216