



MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL
MANAGEMENT UPDATE



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council



MARCH 2024 MEETING



Directorate Highlights

The N26 Cloongullane realignment road scheme won Engineering Project of the Year at the Irish Building & Design Awards 2024.

Roads:

- 2024 National Road and Greenway funding of €29,356,082 allocated by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- 2024 Regional and Local Road funding of €36,676,730 allocated by Department of Transport.
- 2024 Active Travel funding of €3,500,000 allocated by National Transport Authority
- Additional maintenance funding of €102,778 provided by TII for works on N5, N17 and N26

Heritage

Funding applications submitted to DOHLGH under the Community Monuments Fund and Local Biodiversity Action Fund 2024

Mayo County Council received €240,000 towards the Streetlife Historic Core Improvements for Ballina.

Dates to Note

Housing

Housing SPC – 5th April 2024

Nationwide programme visit for RLS Projects Achill Sound – 26th March, 2024.

Roads

Ballina – Castlebar – Westport Interurban Greenway: Scheme at Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility. Public consultation to be held in Q2 2024.

Roads SPC Meeting – 21st March

Housing, Roads, Architectural Services & Services Development TOM GILLIGAN



Roads

- N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford: Consultants appointed for Phases 2 – 4.
- Options Selection report being compiled for Great Western Greenway – Newport Town scheme.
- Preferred Route Public Consultation for N60 Pollavaddy to Balla Active Travel Scheme to be held in Q2 2024.
- N60 Claremorris pavement scheme completed.
- N59 Newport – Derradda: Approval from TII for scheme to proceed to tender.
- Public consultation held on 22nd February for Belclare to Murrisk Greenway Scheme in relation to Emerging Preferred Route Option.

Housing

HAP & RAS (Feb 2024)

15 no. properties delivered under HAP in February 2024.

Total of 1,893 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end Jan 2024.

Stats for February 2024

Municipal District	Tenant Inductions	Garda Checks Processed
Westport	0	0
MD Belmullet	2	4
Ballina	3	17
Castlebar	7	14
Claremorris	2	11
Swinford	2	12
Ballinrobe	2	11

Leasing (Feb 2024)

24 no. properties delivered under the Leasing Programme in Feb. 2024.

Homelessness

12 homeless presentations in Feb. 2024. 3 No. exited homelessness.

Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme (as at 29/02/2024) - 362 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received, 332 Stage 1 Approved, 167 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received. 160 Stage 2 Approved - 15 Properties completed.

Vacant Homes

Croi Conaithe Grant – Total applications - 439

254 approved (15 grants issued); 161 in progress, 24 closed applications.

Repair and Leasing – 22 active leases, 30 applications for 90 units.

Buy & Renew – 63 active applications.

Architects:

Tenders returned for Lower Charles Street, Castlebar (4 Units) & 4 derelict site housing projects in Ballinrobe (Total:12 units). Westport RRDF Library & Civic Offices Pre Qual of Contractors tendered 23.02.2023.



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Climate Action

The Mayo County Council Climate Action Plan was adopted at the February 12th Council meeting. The final plan can be found here: [Mayo County Council's Climate Action Plan](#)

National Waste

Management Plan: On the 21st of January 2024 the Chief Executive signed an order to make the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy. The plan has been made in conjunction with all other local authorities in the country and is the first single plan produced by the sector. As lead authority for the Connacht Ulster Region Mayo County Council played an important role in the preparation of the plan and will continue to lead in the region throughout its implementation over the next six years.

Dates to Note

W.E.E.E. Collection

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 30th of March
 Swinford - Golf Club Car Park

Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services

JOHN CONDON



Environmental Awareness: Waste Management information stand at Achill Ireland Tourism Networking event – information and networking with local businesses in relation to waste management. Green schools’ renewal visits and school workshops. Stop food waste Recycling Event - March 5th ATU Castlebar.

Flood Management: On the 29th February, Minister for State with responsibility for OPW, Patrick O`Donovan T D., together with Leas Cathaoirleach Martin Mcloughlin, launched the Cois Abhainn and Ashwood flood relief scheme. Costing 1.5million, the scheme will protect 36 properties from fluvial flooding associated with the Carrowbeg river.

Waste Permitting and Enforcement: The Enforcement Officers are continuing to participate in the multi-agency checkpoints organised by the joint policing unit. Enforcement and Permitting were busy in February compiling reports for the RMCEI return to the EPA, to demonstrate achievements in 2023.

MCC has a representative on the national CCTV working group, with the Codes of Practice developed by the group now approved by the Minister. The group are working on guidance documents and SOPs to assist LA’s in implementing CCTV schemes.

Veterinary: The Annual Sheep Worrying Campaign aimed at promoting and increasing awareness of the Control of Dogs Act, 1986 was launched. A member of our Dog Warden Service interviewed on Midwest radio, followed by relevant social media content and more recently advertising in the local newspapers in conjunction with Mayo Irish Farmers Association.

Climate Action: The Community Climate Action Fund application process closed on February 23rd. The submissions are now being evaluated.

Civil Defence Training: Civil Defence in Mayo have attended national training days in January and February at the Civil Defence College, Roscrea in relation to:

- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Designated Liaison Officer - Child Protection
- Emergency Medical Technician Upskilling

National Events: Civil Defence members attended the Civil Defence National Long Service Medal Ceremony in Trinity College, Dublin where Michael O`Donnell (Achill) received a 40-year medal from Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin T.D.

Blue Light Day, Swinford: On March 2nd Civil Defence attended a Blue Light Services open day/public engagement in Swinford along with other emergency services from around the County.

Register of Electors:

Electoral Statistics for Referendums.

Total Electorate for Referendums (Irish Citizens only) was: -

97,459 (Mayo Constituency)

4,549 (Galway-West Constituency)

102,008 – Total County Mayo

The total included 3,203 Balancing List Electors (formerly Supplement), 146 Postal Voters and 74 Special Voters.



Directorate Highlights

Planning Data for February 2024

Applications Received:	94
E Planning Applications:	55
Hardcopy Applications:	39
Decisions to Grant:	70
Decisions to Refuse:	6
Forthcoming Decisions:	71
Formal Preplanning App:	4
Appointments at five Planning Clinics on the 7 th February and 21 st February 2024:	54
Files appealed to An Bord Pleanála:	4

Training:

Work is completed on the new €2.5 million outdoor training facility at Saleen, Castlebar.

Dates to Note

Official Events supported by Communications:

- Cois Abhainn Flood Scheme in Westport.
- LAMA Awards on the 17th February 2024.

Press releases issued by Communications:

- Seachtain na Gaeilge in Mayo.
- Cois Abhainn and Ashwood Flood Relief Scheme.
- Mayo Day 2024 Chicago.
- 12 Events announced to date for Mayo’s Local Enterprise Week 2024.

Planning, Human Resources, Communications, and Corporate Affairs



CATHERINE McCONNELL

Human Resources

New Appointments in February 2024 – 1 Integrated Support Coordinator, 1 General Operative, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Senior Staff Officer (Contract to 30th June 2029 CARO), 1 Temporary Clerical Officer, 2 CES Scheme

Promotions – 1 Executive Architect, 1 Staff Officer, 1 Assistant Fire Officer, 1 Climate Action Officer (Contract), 1 Childcare Development Worker, 1 Senior Executive Officer, 1 Pool Lifeguard

Competitions Advertised – Wholtime Station Officer, Executive Architect, Principal Emergency Control Operator

Shortlisted/Screened – Project Manager, Strategic Development Zone, Ireland West Airport Knick, Assistant Arts Officer (Grade IV), Climate Action Regional Coordinator, Principal of Emergency Control Operator, Executive Technician – Planning (GIS)

Interviews held – Machinery Yard General Services Supervisor, Retained Firefighters Ballina, Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis, Charlestown, Claremorris, Kiltimagh, Achill, Belmullet, Crossmolina, Westport, Swinford.

Training Data for February 2024

7 indoor staff participated in Manual Handling and Advanced VAT training.

167 outdoor staff participated in a number of focussed training courses:

A total of 710 attendees have participated in Castlebar Regional Centre courses for the month of January and February 2024 with 939 training days.

Planning

CE Report on Submissions received on Ministerial Direction – Castlebar LAP forwarded to Minister and OPR.

Corporate Communications / Diaspora / Social Media / Publicity Campaigns

Home to Mayo, Community Climate Action Fund, Tyrone Guthrie Regional Bursary Fund, Oweninny Windfarm Community Benefit, Mayo Day Launch, Mayo Day Crafters Call Out, Belcare to Murrisk Greenway Public Consultation, Your Dog Your Responsibility- Bag it – Bin it, Local Enterprise Week, Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Oifig na Gaeilge

Gaeltacht Scholarship application process completed with over 100 applications.

Road Safety

Delivered talks as part of The Life Saver Project in Rice College Westport. Social Media Campaigns for Road Safety.

Governance & Customer Service

FOI Requests:	10
Insurance PL Claims:	14
Ombudsman Cases:	0 new cases – 0 cases closed
Total Calls Answered:	4154



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- Slievemore Heritage Trail, funded by LEADER launched 16.02.24
- Towns & Villages renewal scheme – Project Development measure open for applications
- SICAP 2023 Annual Performance Reviews completed.
- Submission of Healthy Ireland Pobal Financial Report.
- MSP Spring Calendar published.
- A night of music & song in conjunction with Western Care was held in the Jackie Clarke Collection.
- Clare Island Activator Walking with Poles launched 26.02.24.
- Arts Grants open for applications – Arts Act Grants, Tyrone Guthrie Regional Bursary, Mayo Artist Bursary, Drama League Ireland Award, UPSTART Award.
- 3 Digital Workshops for children ran in Ballina Library.
- Tourmakeady 3rd Community Futures Action Plan launch by Minister Patrick O'Donovan 29.02.24
- 187 applications received for Local Enhancement Programme, additional 15 received for womens groups.
- Comhairle na n-Og–Annual Report 2023 & App for funding 2024.
- Fighting words – Writing Club for teenagers ran in Castlebar Library.
- Weekly Cúpla focal clubs Castlebar,

Dates to Note

- Projects under current LEADER programme completed by 30.03.24.
- Oweninny Community Benefit Fund 2024: Category 4 Rest of County – Closing Date 01/03/2024. Funding outcome to be approved at Meeting scheduled on 20/03/2024. Category 1/Category 2/Category 3 Target Area – expected to open April/May 2024.
- West of Ireland Womens Mini Marathon to take place in Ballina. EOIs for 2025 to be circulated to all MDs in Autumn 2024.

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- Work ongoing re EOI @IQ Ballina, initial intake of businesses expected in April.
- LEO Mayo participated in a networking event for the Tourism sector in Achill.
- LEO Mayo hosted two workshops for mentors on Digitalisation on 28 & 29 February.

Community Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Sláintecare in collaboration with Age Friendly delivered a Health and Wellbeing information event for older people profiling the services and supports available.
- Sláintecare supported the submission to HSE Spark funding in collaboration with the Chronic illness team to develop an app to monitor individuals' health outcomes.
- Healthy Ireland: Distribution of €10k Sanitary Products to disadvantaged communities, Achill & the Erris Peninsula, Dept of Health's Period Dignity initiative.
- EOI's for New MSP Community Sports Hubs 8 applications were received, with a subcommittee to recommend one to go forward for Dormant Account Funding 2024.
- Continued roll out of supports to service providers on the DCEDIY's Core Funding.
- Mayo County Childcare Committee in the process of recruiting a part time CMDO.
- Cultural Companions Network's-1st meeting of year held & event calendar published.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

Belmullet Destination Town: Works complete, enhancement scheme, access Dock area improved, Tourist Information Point, general clean-up & Aire-de-Service facility.

Keem: Visitor Management & Sustainable Tourism Development Plan for Keem Bay.

Carrowteige Loop Walk – Benwee Head ORIS Measure 2 Project: Works completed with a 900m track upgrade and provision of trailhead/ carparking facilities.

Regional Festivals and Participative Events Funding Scheme 2024: Funding of €32,500 allocated to MCC by Fáilte Ireland to support Regional Festivals and Events in 2024. Scheme advertised total of 21 application received. Assessment panel in place.

Part 8 Planning Process Céide Coastal Path: Drawings available for public inspection to 13.03.24. Submissions/observations to be made by **28.03.24**.

- Funding of €950,000 approved by TII for the Achill Sound / Bunacurry Greenway.
- €1.1 million asset renewal funding approved by TII for the Great Western Greenway.
- An additional €175,000 approved for the Tonragee Re-alignment Project.

Town Regeneration

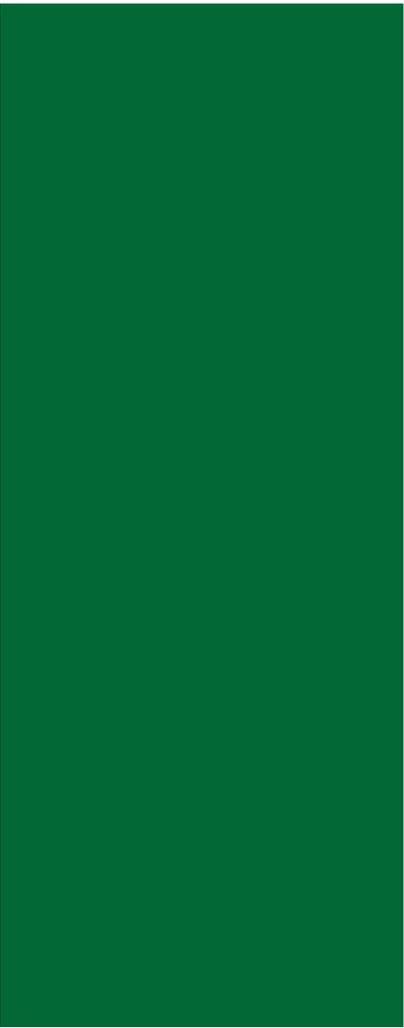
- Work with Killala Town Team to progress key project identified in TCF plan.
- Nominations Phase 2 towns submitted to DRCD: Ballyhaunis approved for TCF Plan
- TVRS Project Development Measure progressed (under TCF Suite of Supports).
- National launch of TCF Plans in Adare by Minister Humphreys.

Library Services

- Over 1000 people visited Mayo Libraries for National **Ireland Reads Day**.
- 25 Mothers & Babies attended baby weaning workshop by HSE facilitator.
- 7 party kits loaned as part of reuse/recycle initiative with positive feedback.
- Story creative writing with Morag Prunty & TY Students of Moyne College Ballina
- First 'Tar ag Spraoi' session for mothers and toddlers as Gaeilge
- 150 people attended event to launch St. Brigid's cloak in Jackie Clarke Collection
- Library Service had a stand at the Age Friendly event in Ballina; the HSE Infant Mental Health event at ATU and the Care Day in the Linenhall Arts Centre.
- In conjunction with Business in the Community Ireland, the Jackie Clarke Collection welcomed children from Scoil Iosa for celebration of the Time to Count programme.
- 204 students from National & Secondary schools took part in the new Famine, Story Telling and Discoverv Workshons at the Jackie Clarke Collection.



Directorate Highlights



Dates to Note



Financial Management, Information Systems & Motor Taxation

PETER DUGGAN



Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2023 Adopted Budget
One month ended 31st Jan 2024

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REVIEW MAR 2024

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Ex. To Date Jan-24	Budget 2024	Remaining 2024	% Spent 2024	In. To Date Jan-24	Budget 2024	Not Rec'd 2024	% Rec'd 2024
A	Housing and Building	3,212,603	28,725,722	25,513,120	11%	3,109,494	27,450,543	24,341,049	11%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	2,019,592	54,151,004	52,131,422	4%	1,303,922	45,628,186	44,324,284	3%
C	Water Services	1,267,575	19,437,281	18,169,706	7%	1,611,668	23,430,255	21,878,587	7%
D	Development Management	1,493,147	18,505,759	17,012,611	8%	644,913	8,156,620	7,511,707	8%
E	Environmental Services	1,550,803	21,805,717	20,253,114	7%	419,943	8,030,630	7,674,707	8%
F	Recreation and Amenity	1,276,433	14,675,334	13,397,081	9%	561,358	5,501,500	4,940,142	10%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	160,822	2,063,389	1,902,567	8%	56,550	741,172	685,171	8%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,281,522	15,792,135	14,510,583	8%	1,132,377	13,946,899	12,814,522	8%
J	Central Management Charges	2,193,781	26,382,836	24,189,055	8%	139,055	1,640,000	1,500,915	8%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	3,719,588	44,660,815	40,941,247	8%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	1,852,516	22,230,186	20,377,670	8%
GRAND TOTAL		14,458,117	201,537,376	187,079,259	7%	14,547,393	201,537,376	186,989,983	7%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection Jan-24	Collected Jan-24	Arrars Jan-24	Collected %
Rents	1,808,123	747,133	1,060,990	41%
Rates	4,302,158	626,689	42,394,890	1%
Housing Loans	910,768	275,516	635,252	30%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

	Number of days in overdraft	Estimated Interest Incurred
	0	0