

## March 20

### Highlights

28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> February  
Other Voices Festival,  
Ballina

6<sup>th</sup> March Fifth Annual  
Human Rights Lecture,  
Ballina

## Chief Executive Report

Peter Hynes



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### Emergency Response



Mayo County Council were extremely busy over the month of February with more than one hundred call outs across four consecutive weekends in response to extreme weather conditions as Storms Ciara, Dennis and Jorgè hit the county.

Call outs were generally overnight and early mornings to deal with fallen trees, flooding and blocked roads. Civil Defence volunteers provided humanitarian assistance in a number of cases. Public Information updates relating to the extreme weather events were communicated to the public via our website and social media channels in addition to all local media.

### Other Voices – Ballina



Other Voices made a triumphant return to Ballina on the weekend of Feb 28 / 29<sup>th</sup>. The 225-year-old walls of St. Michael's Church in the heart of the town, came alive with two very special nights of music performances from Irish and International artists, including Elbow and David Gray, which were also recorded for TV.

The Other Voices Ballina Music Trail featured more than thirty free performances by a diverse line-up of bands, performers, DJs and musicians, in venues across Ballina.

Ireland's Edge, the multi-disciplinary creative series also returned to the Jackie Clarke Library on Saturday.

Ballina remains the only venue outside of Dingle that Other Voices has taken place in the republic of Ireland.

### Dates to Note

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March  
St Patricks Day  
Delegation to the U.S.



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A Public Information Event in Belmullet on the 12<sup>th</sup> February on Defective Concrete Block Scheme

Approved funding from Department for Turnkey projects

Wills BAM JV concluded site clearance on the N5 Westport to Turlough Road Project. Targeted earthworks planned for March.

Tender documents will be issued to the qualified contractors in mid-March for the N26 Re-alignment at Cloongullane Bridge with a contract award anticipated in mid-June.

### Dates to Note

Housing SPC to be held on Thursday 12 March.

LTACC Meeting – to be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Housing & Disability Steering Group Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

Roads & Transportation SPC – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

## Housing, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



### Roads

- N59 Kilmeena scheme due to be complete in May.
- N60 Lagnamuck complete except for snagging and landscaping works.
- Part 8 Planning approved for N17/R320 Lisduff, Claremorris
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla scheme with submission to An Bord Pleanála for approval due in May.
- Works on the R312 Glenisland scheme is on-going. Some delays due to flooding in the area.
- N5/N58 Ballyvary Pavement Overlay Contract is now substantially completed
- 2020 Roadworks Scheme being prepared in each MD.
- A number of road closures during February due to flooding.

### Housing

#### Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is **708** however County Council aims to exceed this figure.
- Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows:
- **415** units have been completed with another **282** in different stages of progress.

#### HAP and RAS - In February 2020 the following was delivered: -

- **29** houses delivered under the HAP scheme
- **2** houses delivered under the RAS scheme
- This gives a total of **2,301** households supported by RAS/Leasing and HAP in Mayo.
- Leasing - In February 2020 under the leasing programme **6** houses were delivered.
- Refugee Resettlement: - **167** persons accommodated in Mayo to date
- Homelessness: - **8** homeless presentations for February.

#### Procurement & Efficiency Review

- All Annual Plant Hire RFT's for areas published
- **18** new 3.5T/4.5T Tipper trucks ordered to replace hired items
- **1** x new street sweeper ordered for Ballina MD
- Feasibility Study tendered for recreational Trails Ballina-Enniscrone
- Tender advertised for tree surgery
- Ongoing tendering for Housing retrofit works
- Contract awarded for new P&D machines (Castlebar & Ballina)
- Contract awarded for commercial and residential valuations and BER certification.

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### Directorate Highlights

Include directorate highlights:

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Environment, Climate Action, Agriculture & Emergency Services  
S.P.C. Meeting - 17th April, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Climate Action Workshop – Understanding Climate Change & Community Energy -Ballina Family Resource Centre – 11th March, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Emergency Services ‘Blue Light Summit’ at Breaffy House Resort, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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



John Condon

### Veterinary:

**The Good Morning Show:** The Dog Warden, Laura Mulligan was interviewed on the Good Morning Show by presenter John Whittle of Claremorris Community Radio station on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The interview covered topics include the importance of choosing the right dog, microchipping, dog licencing, sheep worrying and the upcoming workshops in Claremorris in association with Dogs Trust on responsible dog owner and staying safe around dogs.

### Awareness:

Waste Management & Prevention Workshops were held in Clogher and Killawalla. WEEE Collections took place in Claremorris & Ballyhaunis.



### Climate Action:

Mayo Climate Action Awareness Workshops have been running in five towns across the County since the beginning of February. The workshops aim is to create awareness of Climate Change, and to increase the ability of local communities and business to adapt to climate change and help begin the transition to a low carbon economy.

### Crossmolina Fire Station:

Design works ongoing for the new Fire Station at Crossmolina with submission to DHCLG in March.

### Primary Schools Fire Safety programme:

The 2020 rollout is being delivered by specially trained fire service personnel to almost **3000** third class pupils.

Participating schoolchildren are expected, as part of their homework, to interact with their families on the elements of the programme. Each child is provided with a Home Safety Check Sheet, which must be filled out by a family member in the home. This interaction puts the problem and the solution together in the same place at the same time, making it more likely that any fire safety issues in the home will be successfully addressed.

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**Events:** Delivery of the Road Safety Roadshow to 1700 students from Mayo

Other Voices Ballina 2020 and the Irelands

Edge creative conference - Attendance at Mayo Association Dublin and Galway annual dinner and awards.

### Library Open Day Saturday 29/2/2020



### Dates to Note

## Planning, Human Resources, Communications, Information Systems, Corporate Affairs & Architectural Services



Catherine Mc Connell

### Corporate Communications

**Public Information Updates:** Traffic Disruption, Extreme Weather Events – *Storm Ciara, Storm Dennis, Storm Jorge*, Road Gritting announcements,

**Media:** Responses issued to a wide variety of media enquiries. Press releases issued on Local Authority matters including: *Regional Festivals & Participative Events programme 2020 - Mayo.ie Western People Womens mini marathon on Mayo Day – Road safety initiatives- Installation of outdoor public wifi access points – Emergency services blue light summit – Appeal to dog owners in Lambing season ....*

### Library

- A very successful Library Open Day was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, events included story times, genealogy sessions, 3D printing
- Minister Michael Ring announced €43,000 in sensory funding for Ballina and Castlebar libraries
- Minister Ring also announced €50,000 towards the roll-out of the My Open Library service to Belmullet Library.

### Planning (February)

- 76 Planning applications granted
- 8 Planning application refused
- 100 Planning applications received
- 93 Applications in hand
- 14 Pre-planning applications received
- 145 pre-planning meetings facilitated.

### Corporate

Ethics Register – 2019-20 Complete and Report will be issued  
Protected Disclosures – finalised 2019. No disclosures reported.  
Ombudsman – 4. 1 withdrew, 2 reports issues, 1 ongoing report due.

01/01/2020 - 29/02/2020		
FOI's Received	29	
Decisions made	Granted	22
	Part-granted	5
	Refused	4
	Dealt with o/s FOI	2
	Withdrawn	1
Total:	34	

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- Westnet Broadband Mayo Ltd awarded contract to deliver Wifi4EU project in Belmullet, Newport, Ballina, Crossmolina, Swinford, Ballinrobe, Claremorris, Castlebar & Turlough.
- €700,000 approved by DRCD for improvements to the Great Western Greenway at Westport and at Rosserk & €200,000 approved for Phase 1 of Foxford to Pontoon Greenway

### Dates to Note

- 6<sup>th</sup> March: Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> March LCDC meeting

## ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



### Local Enterprise Office / Enterprise & Investment Unit

A LEO Evaluation & Approvals Committee meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> February with eight projects supported

The first Steering Group meeting for Mayo Food and Drink Strategy took place on 25<sup>th</sup> February

### Community Engagement

A directory of all Community Funding available through Mayo County Council has been published. The Planet Youth Regional Framework was launched by President Michael D. Higgins on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The framework represents a new regional approach to drug and alcohol misuse by young people. SICAP Annual Action Plans for the Islands, Castlebar/Claremorris MD and Ballina and West MD have been approved by the LCDC.

### Mayo Sports Partnership

Entries open for the 11<sup>th</sup> West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon which takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Club Training / Education Volunteer Support Scheme launched to assist clubs / organisations in delivery of coach education training

### Arts

Schools Exhibition Project underway, Kidsown Publishing collaborating with Mayo Arts Service. Working with St. Angela's NS. Castlebar. Poetry Day Ireland and Bealtaine planning in progress.

### County Childcare Committee

Information and support sessions are being rolled out for the three strands of the 2020 Early Learning and Care and School Age Capital Grant Programmes.

### Tourism

Ongoing work relating to Keem Discovery point, Moorehall Masterplan, Clew Bay Greenway, Recreational Trails & Belmullet Tourism Destination Town. Participation at ITB-Berlin Tourism Trade Event on the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as part of the Atlantic On Bike EU Project.

### Atlantic Economic Corridor

The DRCD has commissioned a feasibility study to examine the potential of establishing *DigiLabs* in the AEC region. These facilities would assist in the advancement of targeted research and development, commercial innovation and enterprise development.

### Broadband

Work is underway on surveying the identified Broadband Connection Points which will mostly be in operation by the end of 2020, providing broadband connectivity to rural communities.



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## Financial Management & Motor Tax

Peter Duggan



### APPENDIX A

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW FEBRUARY 2020

#### Mayo County Council 1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2019 Adopted Budget One month ended 31st January 2020

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE			INCOME				
		Exp. To Date Jan-20	Budget 2020	Remaining 2020	% Spent 2020	Inc. To Date Jan-20	Budget 2020	Not Rec'd 2020	% Rec'd 2020
A	Housing and Building	1,338,617	16,787,251	15,448,634	8%	1,410,373	17,140,159	15,729,786	8%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	1,233,332	40,161,103	38,927,771	3%	680,250	33,766,003	33,085,753	2%
C	Water Services	696,767	16,646,566	15,949,769	4%	954,822	19,986,244	19,031,422	5%
D	Development Management	1,196,615	12,593,741	11,397,126	10%	313,607	4,010,066	3,696,459	8%
E	Environmental Services	1,214,618	16,477,347	15,282,729	7%	366,823	5,642,900	5,276,077	7%
F	Recreation and Amenity	844,652	10,434,576	9,589,926	8%	213,406	3,340,580	3,127,174	6%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	138,430	1,789,219	1,650,789	8%	47,793	584,250	536,457	8%
H	Miscellaneous Services	951,729	13,200,546	12,248,817	7%	501,292	6,504,929	6,003,637	8%
J	Central Management Charges	1,538,093	19,970,850	18,432,757	8%	119,975	1,500,000	1,380,025	8%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	2,949,774	35,773,727	32,823,952	8%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	1,651,029	19,812,344	18,161,315	8%
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9,152,852</b>	<b>148,061,201</b>	<b>138,908,349</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>9,209,143</b>	<b>148,061,201</b>	<b>138,852,058</b>	<b>6%</b>

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

	Total for collection	Jan-20	Arrears Jan-20	% Collected
Rents	1,577,127	672,052	905,075	43%
Rates	44,963,518	397,445	44,566,073	1%
Housing Loans	1,265,905	303,168	962,737	24%

#### 3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	2
Estimated interest incurred	1,433