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Highlights

Highlights of the Month:

Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



New Year

As we start a new year, I wish you a happy, healthy and safe 2021. As we return from the Christmas break I would like to thank our members of staff who were on call over the Christmas period, particularly our road gritting team were out on a total of 17 occasions over the Christmas period, our staff in CAMP and those on the Community Call helpline who worked all through the Christmas break.

CoVid-19

Over the past three weeks we have seen a significant increase in the numbers of confirmed cases of CoVid-19 in the county, with daily figures far in excess of those experienced during the first wave of this pandemic.

On Wednesday 30th December 2019, the country moved to Level 5 under the Plan for Living with COVID-19 and on Friday 8th January 2021 further restrictions were announced which included the closure of construction. These measures are being put in place to assist in the public health objective of ensuring people stay at home to reduce the spread of Covid 19.

In response to the current restrictions and to assist in the public health message of reducing the mobility of people, our public counters are closed. While all of our services are accessible over the phone or online, in circumstances where the public need to meet a council official or a particular service in person, this can be arranged by appointment.

Keeping well is so very important during this unsettling time, and the Mayo Community Call-line is **(096) 906 4660** and is available to support anyone feeling isolated or who might need some support. The helpline is open 7 days a week.

I continue to meet and collaborate with the HSE and An Gardai Siochana on a weekly basis and the council will continue to support the HSE public health messages and encourage everyone to stay-at-home and reduce all social contacts.

Dates to Note

Upcoming events & meetings to note:



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PLANNING STATISTICS DECEMBER 2020

- Applications Received: 112
- Decisions to Grant: 56
- Decisions to Refuse: 4
- Applications due (September): 156
- Formal Preplanning: 9
- Phone Consultations: 83
- Appeals Notified: 6

Dates to Note

List upcoming events & meetings:

Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development

Catherine Mc Connell



CORPORATE AND HR

Appointments - 2 Clerical officers and 2 General Operatives.
Promotions - 3 Staff Officer.

Campaigns - One campaign shortlisted - IS Tech Support Officer.
Interviews held for Executive Librarian.

Retirements - 2 Officer Retirements. 1 ex gratia Retirement.

Training – Training Officer appointed.
Online Fraud Prevention Training.

FOI Requests - 8 in December. Total 120 in 2020.

Customer Service Calls – 4689 calls dealt with in December 2020.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Company CRM Project kicked off.
- Consultation Portal live for Development Plan
- Council & MD Online Meetings via Teams.
 - First online meeting completed by Castlebar MD.
 - January meeting will all be online.

I.T.

- New “Next Generation” firewall configured and operational including access to an additional 250 VPN licenses to support remote working.
- Over 450 staff enabled for remote working with securely configured and encrypted laptops.
- Budget and operational plan presentation to Council Dec 17th 2020
- Participation on national ePlanning Board & Technical Working Group.

LIBRARY

- Online services are open 24/7.
- All library branches closed.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Public Information Updates: Covid-19 daily Public Health messaging - •Impact of Level 3 and level 5 Restrictions on Council Services, •Weather alerts

Media: Local and National media queries responded to. Press releases issued on Level 3 and 5 Service Continuation, Winter Service Plan for Roads, Public Consultation on County Development Plan, Free WIFI in towns across Mayo.

Diaspora TobelrishatChristmas – Mayo.ie were part of the National campaign reaching out to Mayo Diaspora unable to travel home for Christmas. www.mayo.ie/tobeirish with online views in excess of 179k.

Live Streamed events hosted on Mayo.ie – •Launch of Mayo’s Connected Communities. •Mayo goes global on New Year’s Eve.

Targeted Campaigns •Look for Local. Keep Well Campaign, Public Consultation on Draft County Development Plan, Knock to Collooney public consultation and Covid-19 Public Health Messages in Mayo.

Road Safety Awareness Campaigns

- Be Safe Be Seen High Vis Campaign •Road Safety Christmas Postcard •It’s a speed limit not a target •Driving in ice and frost



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Under the Fire Service Capital Programme 2021-2025, €1.5m has been allocated for the construction of a new Fire Station at Crossmolina.

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New year Environment Awareness Advert Campaign on Midwest Radio – 22 days of Environmental Information adverts focused on waste prevention and better waste management.

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



John Condon

Emergency Services

The LGMA have confirmed, following a comprehensive bidding and evaluation process, Mayo County Council have been chosen for the establishment and management of a Regional Dangerous Substances Licensing Office to cover the western region. This region includes all of Connacht and County Donegal. All recent recruits to the Fire Service have successfully completed the Using Breathing Apparatus training modules.

Civil Defence

- **Training** - Civil Defence has continued essential training. Cardiac First Responder - Community Re-certification was undertaken
- **Operations** - Civil Defence as part of our response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, have assisted members of our community in accessing hospital/medical appointments 12 times during the months of November and December. We have assisted the Irish Blood Transfusion Board at their clinic in Ballina during the month of November. Civil Defence members responded to a request for assistance from An Garda Siochana during a missing persons search in the Killala area in early December with the provision of shore search teams, drone support and boat rescue provision.

Inter-agency/National Civil Defence Officers hold regular remote meetings with the Civil Defence Branch at the Department of Defence to keep updated at on national issues and activities. We have also taken part in fora at a local level with The Health Service Executive, An Garda Siochana and other Voluntary Emergency Services.

Environment

The CARO, in conjunction with IDA Ireland, have commissioned a study to identify feasible measures that can be implemented on future IDA Enterprise sites that would facilitate businesses to cooperate and integrate with each other and with the local community to achieve a low carbon, climate resilient and sustainable site. The CARO, in conjunction with the LGMA, completed revisions to the Local Authority Climate Action Strategy 2030 and funding submission for climate action resources following feedback from government departments.

Mayo County Council, in partnership with the CARO and the other 4 local authorities in the region are progressing the establishment of a Regional Energy Bureau that will be supported by SEAI to help accelerate the local authorities to meet their 2030 energy and emission targets. Under the proposal Mayo County Council will host the Bureau.

FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES:

Ballina Flood relief scheme at stage 1 assessment stage with RPS Consulting Engineers 40% complete.

Carraholly flood relief scheme at construction stage 30% complete.

Cois Abhainn Westport flood cell at assessment stage 90% complete.

The Neale flood relief scheme at stage 1 assessment stage with Ryan Hanley Consulting Engineers 90% complete.

Five minor works schemes completed in December 2020, Bohola, Kilmurray, Glenhest, Crossmolina, Creggaunbaun.

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Publication and
distribution of Mayo
Heritage Calendar 2021

Wetlands of Mayo
booklet published

Housing and Architectural Services

Simon Shevlin



Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708 however County Council will endeavour to exceed this figure.

Progress on 2016-2021 programme, 564 units have been completed with another 210 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS

In Dec 2020, 11 houses were delivered under the HAP scheme and 3 houses delivered under the RAS scheme. This gives a total of 2,156 active households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo at the end 2020.

Leasing

In December 2020 under the leasing programme 5 houses were delivered. This gives a total of 253 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo.

Refugee Resettlement

There are 200 persons accommodated in Mayo to date (186 Mayo County Council and 14 persons accommodated by the Red Cross in pledged accommodation).

Homelessness

There were 10 presentations in December. Total presentations for 2020 was 100.

Architects

Tender of The Ballina Innovation Quarter (Military barracks) issued.
Tender of 2 dwellings in Hollymount and the refurbishment of 3 dwellings in Charlestown.

Conservation

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2020 - completion and recoupment of grant funding for conservation works for 9 separate projects county wide.
Historic Structures Fund 2020 - completion and recoupment of grant funding for Holy Trinity Church, Westport, Ballina's Pearse Street Architectural Conservation Area.

July Jobs Stimulus Package 2020 - completion & recoupment of grant funding for conservation works at Ballysakeery Glebe House.

Parks

Extension to the community Playground at Westport Leisure Park complete. Work started at community playground a Bofeenanun.
Commencement of Village enhancement plan for Aghamore, Ballyhaunis.

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- 5 Broadband Connection Points were officially launched on Dec. 11th & the Wifi4EU project went live in Ballina, Belmullet, Crossmolina, Newport and Swinford on Dec. 16th.

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3rd February: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning and Marine SPC

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC meeting held on 11 December 2020
- Lough Lannagh leisure complex reopened to public on 1st Dec and closed on 23rd (except for elite individual training)
- Capital Works: Work commenced on Achill Greenway (Saile) in December 2020 and ongoing work continued on trails at Murriveagh, Mulranny, Moorehall & Foxford

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Continued delivery of **Covid-Community Helpline, Covid Community Response Funding**, sectoral supports and input to Keep Well campaign.
- **Essential Services Information** bi-lingual Leaflet created by Mayo Community Response Forum and Mayo PPN and has been widely delivered
- Second round of COVID19 Emergency Funding announced. **€55,000** available to communities. Closing date 29th Jan, 2021.
- **Mayo Sports Partnership Initiative** resulted in over 800 people and 25 Primary Schools participated in the Run, Walk, Jog Up to Christmas Challenge
- Extension of current LEADER programme to 31st March, 2021, to be followed by Transition Programme up to 2023
- Mayo Artsquad: Application for 3-year Community Employment Scheme submitted to Dept Employment Affairs & Social Protection
- Submission from Mayo County Childcare Committee Board and staff was collated and submitted to DCEDIY as part of the national review of funding models.

LEO / Invest

- The Economic, Enterprise, Planning and Marine SPC took place on December 9th.
- LEO made a Brexit Advisor available to encourage Brexit preparations in advance of the 31st of December deadline.
- Training courses delivered on financials, building resilience and marketing in a new economy.
- MCC was approved funding for an e-health pilot initiative based on Clare Island, which will be a collaboration between the Atlantic Economic Corridor Officer and the Broadband Officer.

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- 2021 Grant Allocations received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland with a total allocation of €79,615,223.
- Commercial Rates customers throughout the County have benefited from the Government's Commercial Rate Waiver Scheme by nearly €13.0m

Dates to Note

Meeting of
Hedgcutting Forum -
January, 2021

Roads &
Transportation SPC –
23rd February, 2021

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Roads

- Roadworks other than critical emergency maintenance activities suspended until the end of January due to Covid 19
- Regional and local road 2021 allocations expected from DTTAS by end of January
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla Scheme. Requirement to prepare Business Case will delay progression to the statutory processes.
- Design work ongoing to the N60 Heathlawn Scheme with the aim to go to tender in late 2021
- Design work ongoing for N59 Derrada scheme with the aim to go to tender in 2021.
- Design works ongoing for N17/R320 Junction Claremorris.
- Contractor has commenced works on R312 Glenisland Bridge scheme.
- Revised Preliminary Appraisals have been forwarded to DTTAS for R332 Kilmaine to Tuam and Cong Outer Relief Road schemes.
- Design works on going for 2021 pavement overlay programme.

Procurement & Efficiency Review Team

- Conducted, assisted or facilitated several eTenders competitions
 - Electronic Property Register
 - Velocity Road Patcher
- Works to relocate the Training Centre outdoor site offices
- Conducted & assisted with several Supplygov competitions
- Central competitions Vehicle Hire
- New Merchant ID contract (Elavon)
- Continuing to liaise on supplier issues
- PPE – purchase of non-core
- Brexit issues



Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2020 Adopted Budget eleven months ended 30th November 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW NOVEMBER 2020

APPENDIX A

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Nov-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Remaining 2020 €	% Spent 2020	Inc. To Date Nov-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Not Rec'd 2020 €	% Rec'd 2020
A	Housing and Building	15,291,262	16,787,251	1,495,989	91%	15,819,207	17,140,159	1,320,952	92%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	44,828,611	40,161,103	-4,667,508	112%	37,097,208	33,766,003	-3,331,205	110%
C	Water Services	13,953,255	16,646,566	2,693,311	84%	17,101,850	19,986,244	2,884,393	86%
D	Development Management	30,476,251	12,593,741	-17,882,510	242%	22,898,657	4,010,066	-18,888,591	571%
E	Environmental Services	14,019,613	16,477,347	2,457,734	85%	4,473,495	5,642,900	1,169,405	79%
F	Recreation and Amenity	9,491,673	10,434,578	942,905	91%	2,102,043	3,340,580	1,238,537	63%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,451,954	1,789,219	337,265	81%	500,085	584,250	84,165	86%
H	Miscellaneous Services	22,929,516	13,200,546	-9,728,970	174%	17,121,883	6,504,929	-10,616,954	263%
J	Central Management Charges	19,332,081	19,970,850	638,769	97%	1,375,000	1,500,000	125,000	92%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	31,688,173	35,773,727	4,085,554	89%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	18,161,315	19,812,344	1,651,029	92%
	GRAND TOTAL	171,774,216	148,061,201	-23,713,015	116%	168,338,917	148,061,201	-20,277,716	114%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection	Collected Nov-20	Arrears Nov-20	% Collected
Rents	8,013,400	6,849,178	1,164,222	85%
Rates	24,967,800	20,092,654	4,875,146	80%
Housing Loans	3,880,419	2,994,026	886,393	77%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	32
Estimated interest incurred	2,360