

February

Highlights

Highlights of the Month:

28th January – Official opening of Biologics 2 Plant in Westport by Minister Michael Ring, T.D.

29th January – Launch of Other Voices 2020 in St. Michael's Church, Ballina.

Chief Executive Report

Peter Hynes



Other Voices Launch – 29:01:2020

Other Voices, the internationally acclaimed music television series and arts festival bounced into beautiful Ballina for the first time in September 2018. The weekend attracted visitors to the town from around the globe, providing an economic boost of some €2.0m.

On Feb 28th and 29th, Other Voices 2020 Ballina will explode in song with the incredible Elbow, David Gray, Jesca Hoop, Skinny Living, Denise Chala, Soda Blonde and Jyellowl all performing in St Michael's Church. A variety of up and coming singers and bands will also perform as part of the Other Voices Music Trail in venues throughout Ballina.



Allergan Official Opening – Biologics 2 Plant – 28:01:2020

January 29th saw the opening of Allergan's Biologics2 €160m facility in Westport, creating 63 additional jobs, bringing the firm's total investment in Ireland to more that €750m and underpinning the firm's commitment to County Mayo. The new state of the art manufacturing suites and laboratories will meet growing global demand for flagship products and increase research and development capabilities.

Dates to Note

Upcoming events & meetings to note:

15th February: National LAMA Awards, Dublin. Mayo County Council shortlisted in six categories.

28/29th Feb: Other Voices 2020, Ballina.

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Mayo County Council shortlisted for 6 projects at upcoming LAMA 2020 awards.

Dates to Note

February 29th is to be a national day of promotion of public libraries with events taking place in most branches.

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



Catherine Mc Connell

Corporate Communications

Public Information Updates: Public Consultations, Traffic Disruption, Road Gritting announcements, Weather warnings.

Media: Media responses and planned press releases issued on LA matters including Hedge cutting, public call out on Corporate plan, Other Voices, Local Authority Climate Action Report, Register of Electors update, Swinford Landscape Project, Mayo Road deaths down 66%.

Targeted Campaigns: Christmas Tree Recycling, Mayo Careers Fair, Mayo Climate Action campaign, Libraries campaign, Climate Action Awareness workshops. Road safety appeal on election posters.

Library Service

The programme of events promoting a Healthy Ireland continues to run in Mayo libraries throughout the Spring, including talks on workplace stress; self-care coaching for anxiety; parenting teenagers and more.

Mayo library will make an application for funding for sensory rooms in Castlebar and Ballina Libraries.

Corporate

Ethics Register Forms due back the end of Feb 2020

FOI requests:

Total 2019 = 161	(Total 2018 = 142)
Total Internal Review 2019	07
Total Office of Information Commissioner 2019	03
January 2020	24

Ombudsman Complaints:

Total 2019: 9 – all upheld in favour of Mayo County Council.

3 new complaints dealt with in Dec 2019. 3 cases upheld in favour of Mayo County Council.

Human Resources

26 retirees in 2019

32 Competitions held in 2019

43 people left to take up other roles.

2 Starters & 3 Leavers in December 2019

The Planning statistics for January 2020 are as follows:

Applications received	58
Decisions to grant	69
Decision to refuse	3
Applications in hand	124
Preplanning applications	9
Preplanning meetings	126
Appeals to An Bord Pleanala	2

Forward Planning

Following adoption of the RSES by the NWRA on the 24th January, the Mayo County Development Plan 2021 process will recommence in April 2020.

Workshops will be held with the Elected Members during the preparation of the Draft Plan.

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Mayo County Council's Catchments Team were delighted to lend their ecology & educational skills to support the National Museum of Ireland-Country Life's Education Dept bid to retain the Sandford Award. This prestigious, international award is awarded for Excellence in Heritage Education.

Tender for the provision of Lake Sampling Services, published 17th January, 2020

Meeting of the Environment, Climate Action, Agriculture & Emergency Services S.P.C. was held on the 16th January, 2020.

Dates to Note

27th & 28th March 2020

Emergency Services 'Blue Light Summit' at Breaffy House Resort, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services



John Condon

Awareness:

- Water refill points fitted in Claremorris Leisure Centre, Westport Leisure Centre, three secondary schools and GMIT Castlebar – Further installations to take place early 2020.
- Winners announced of the Schools Christmas Decoration Competition 2019.



- Active Age Presentation with Cross/Cong/Neale Active Age on the 16th January, 2020
- Monthly slot with Mid-West radio – Greening Business
- Regular school visits throughout January
- Ongoing Christmas Tree Recycling
FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAYS
10.00am - 4.00 p.m.
Claremorris, Station road car park - Saturday 22/02/2020
Ballyhaunis, Knox Street Car Park – Saturday 29/02/2020

Waste Management:

- The Waste Enforcement Team, successfully engaged with a local community in conjunction with their elected representative, to supervise the clean-up of illegally dumped waste in a local bog. This engagement negated the requirement for hard enforcement and legal action.
- Successful Household Hazardous Waste amnesty event funded by Mayo County Council held at Derrinnumera Recycling Centre, two articulated trucks and one rigid body truck full of hazardous material collected for safe disposal/recovery.

Veterinary:

Laura Mulligan did an extensive interview on the Tommy Marren show, Midwest Radio, on Friday 30th January, covering the following:

- “Be a responsible dog owner during lambing season”.
- Information on the Animal Health & Welfare (Sale or supply of pet animals) Regulations 2019.

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- Ongoing stakeholder engagement meetings for the 2040 Economic Development Strategy
- Funding of €200,000 approved for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructural Scheme projects.
- Over 1,600 people attended the LCDC Career Fair held in GMIT on 11th Jan.



Dates to Note

- 7th February: Tourism, Food & Community Engagement SPC meeting
- 25th & 26th Feb: Wild Atlantic Way Regional Tourism programme training

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



Local Enterprise Office / Enterprise & Investment Unit

- Prepare Your Business for Customs Workshop took place in Breaffy House Hotel on 28th January in preparation for Brexit on 31st January
- Mayo LAG in partnership with LEO Mayo has procured consultants to conduct an audit of the food and drink sector in Mayo with the aim of developing a strategic plan for the sector to 2025.

Community Engagement

- LEADER - 11 projects including 2 food projects to the value of €410K were approved by the LAG in January.
- The LCDC launched new grant scheme for community-based initiatives to promote positive mental health.

Mayo Sports Partnership

- Sport Ireland announced 2020 core funding of €282K for Mayo Sports Partnership a 6% increase on 2019
- Get Active Mayo programmes relaunched Men on the Move (11 locations), Couch25K (5 locations), Walking Groups (17 locations), Swim for a Mile (3 locations), parkruns (5 locations) and junior parkruns (2 locations)

Arts

- Art in Landscape (Research project) was a successful applicant of the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Project.
- 36 expressions of interest received for OPW Ballycroy Per Cent for Art Commission
- Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Programme and Training Monitoring Visit of Mayo Artsquad took place.

County Childcare Committee

- Commencement of 2020 Local Implementation Plan: workshops and training on a range of areas including governance, funding & compliance.
- Commencement of Healthy Ireland Wellbeing 0 to 6 years old programme with up to 150 preschool children benefitting.
- MCCC providing support to parents, early years and school aged childcare services on the new National Childcare Scheme.

Tourism

- Participation at the Holiday World Shows in Belfast & Dublin
- Part 8 Planning prepared for the Velo Rail project in Kiltimagh and preparation underway for Part 8 for the installation of a Bridge on the Turlough Greenway and the extension of the Great Western Greenway between Achill Sound & Bunacurry.

Atlantic Economic Corridor Office

- Input made to the AEC 3-year Strategy
- Development of the available enterprise space portal completed & tested

Broadband Office

- Significant progress made on the roll-out of the Wifi4Eu and Broadband Connection Points projects in both rural and urban areas of the County.



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List upcoming events & meetings:

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 Twelve months ended 31st December 2019

Service Division	Expenditure	EXPENDITURE		Remaining 2019	% Spent 2019	INCOME		Net Rec'd 2019	% Rec'd 2019
		Exp. To Date Dec-19	Budget 2019			Inc. To Date Dec-19	Budget 2019		
A	Housing and Blading	10,514,690	10,069,014	-445,672	103%	16,936,012	16,160,230	-775,782	104%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	41,589,213	36,071,370	-4,987,840	114%	34,915,740	30,510,047	-3,888,089	115%
C	Water Services	14,865,304	16,334,126	1,468,821	91%	17,876,327	19,269,445	1,424,478	93%
D	Development Management	11,500,811	11,524,912	24,102	100%	4,544,244	3,469,845	-1,074,399	127%
E	Civic/Community Services	15,939,800	16,267,190	427,390	97%	5,103,385	5,552,600	485,214	91%
F	Resection and Arrears	9,704,901	9,187,944	516,957	106%	3,278,303	2,567,580	-710,723	129%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,718,694	1,263,791	447,187	89%	826,700	599,600	-227,100	138%
H	Municipal Services	13,462,572	13,107,200	355,370	103%	9,242,549	9,736,631	507,718	106%
J	Revenue Management Charges	17,361,571	17,177,695	-183,876	101%	3,572,716	3,500,000	-72,716	105%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	12,812,269	13,014,336	202,067	98%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	19,812,344	19,512,344	-299,999	100%
GRAND TOTAL		142,849,822	138,150,220	-4,699,601	103%	142,931,268	138,140,220	-4,791,048	100%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Collected Dec-19	Arrears Dec-19	% Collected
Rent	7,322,533	1,002,111	88%
Rates	30,655,749	3,506,027	87%
Housing Loans	4,261,867	1,001,476	77%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	10
Estimated interest incurred	3,157

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2020 Regional and Local Road Grant allocation of €30,775,203 notified by DTTAS.

Total road allocations for 2020 amount to €87,460,940 which represents the largest ever roads allocation for Mayo.

Housing, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Housing

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 January 2020 the following was delivered: -

- 25 houses delivered under the HAP scheme
- 1 house delivered under the RAS scheme
- This gives a total of 2,328 households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo.
- Leasing - In January 2020 7 houses delivered.
- Refugee Resettlement - 167 persons accommodated in Mayo to date (151 Mayo County Council and 16 persons accommodated by the Red Cross in pledged accommodation)

Homelessness

- There were 12 presentations in January 2020.

Roads

- Contractor mobilising for N5 Westport – Turlough scheme.
- N26 Cloongullane Re-alignment Scheme tender documents will be issued to qualified contractors before end of February with a contract award expected by the end of May.
- Works continuing on the N59 Kilmeeena scheme.
- Design works ongoing for the N60 Manulla scheme with submission to An Bord Pleanála for approval to take place in Q1 2020. Public consultation day held in Manulla on 28th January.
- Works on-going to the R312 Glenisland scheme.
- Part 8 planning approvals for: - (i) N17 overbridge at Lisduff, Claremorris and (ii) Change of priority of N17 in Charlestown including provision of Civic Amenity Area.
- 2020 Roadworks Scheme being prepared in each MD.

Procurement & Efficiency Review

- Continuing to monitor MS4 requisitions for compliance
- Compiling Tool hire rates for 2020
- Continuing to publish Plant Hire RFT's for areas
- New National Cleaning Supplies contract awarded
- Assisted with a number of tenders:
 - Water Sampling
 - Digital Terrain Mapping (Greenways)
 - Published RFT for Tele Handler – Derrinumera Landfill
 - Evaluation of Digital Hub solution – collaborative tender with 3 other LA's
 - Evaluation of WiFi4EU tender – ready to award
- Progressing with 3.5T Tipper purchases

Dates to Note

List upcoming events & meetings:

MCC Hedgecutting Forum Meeting - 26th February, 2020

Housing SPC: - 5th March, 2020

Roads SPC: - 18th February, 2020

