

June 2021

Highlights

Include highlights:

Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



Sincere thanks to the Cathaoirleach, Members and Staff for a very warm welcome to Mayo County Council.

On behalf of Mayo County Council, I have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dr. Orla Flynn, President of GMIT with both organisations agreeing to develop a closer working relationship in the period ahead and to work collaboratively on all areas of mutual interest in order to promote Mayo as an attractive place to live, work, study and visit.

Ministers O'Brien and Burke have confirmed that an extension of the 2021 rates waiver has been approved by Government for Q3 2021 and details in that regard will issue in due course.



The Members will be aware that Minister Heather Humphreys opened the Courthouse remote working hub in Swinford recently. We will be working to determine how we can derive the greatest benefit from recent developments in remote working and government initiatives in this regard.

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Procurement

- Development of Phase 3 extension to Westport Industrial Estate, Westport Demesne, to provide, serviced sites for industrial use. Contract to be awarded by Property Section

Roads

- Funding of €516,110 from NTA Under the Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund 2021.

-N26/N569 Ballina Bypass Phase1 to progress to route options in Q4-21.

-R312 Glenisland Bridge – due to complete August 2021

2021 Climate Adaptation Allocations – Mayo €1,530,745

Housing, Roads & Service Development

Dates to Note

Housing, Roads & Service Development

TOM GILLIGAN



Tenders due 23rd June:

- Provision of services for update/replacement of Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities at Croagh Patrick Café & Visitor Centre, Murrisk, Co. Mayo F28 KX7. Contracts being prepared.
- EOI for lease of café at Murrisk. Currently being reviewed by Property section
- RFT 187346 - Bower's Walk, Ballinrobe
- RFT's for Housing repairs, Plant & Machinery and Hedgecutting

Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough and N26 Cloongullane schemes.
- Design work ongoing to the N60 Heathlawn scheme with the aim to go to tender in Q3/Q4 2021.
- Design work ongoing for N59 Newport - Derrada scheme with the aim to go to tender in Q3/Q4 2021.
- Construction contract procurement continues on the N17/R320 Junction project at Lisduff Claremorris with the aim to commence on site in Q3 2021.
- Design work on going to N60 Manulla scheme which will now comprise of a 2km realignment scheme.
- Strategic Assessment Report has commenced in relation to R345 Cong Outer Relief Road and should be submitted to Department of Transport in June 21.
- Consultants appointed by Department of Transport to undertake pavement analysis in relation on R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall road. Report expected in July 21.

Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing in Mayo is 708
- Progress on the construction/acquisition programme, 570 units have been completed with another 365 in different stages of progress.

HAP and RAS / Leasing

In May 2021, 14 houses were delivered under the HAP scheme and 1 No. house was delivered under the RAS scheme. This gives a total of 2,165 active households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo at the end of May 2021.

Leasing – 4 houses were delivered under Leasing. This give a total of 270 households supported under the Leasing Programme.

Homelessness - There were 5 homeless presentations in May 2021 (7 adults and 1 child).

Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

To date, 93 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications have been received, 71 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility letters have issued, and 9 Stage 2 Grant Approval applications have been received.



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Water Services, Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Services



JOHN CONDON

Environment

We welcome the announcement by An Taisce, at a virtual ceremony held on the 25th May, 2021 that **11 beaches** across Mayo were awarded the highly recognised Blue Flag accolade and **6 beaches** were awarded the Green Coast Award. The Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards are international awards that recognise beach excellence, and water quality and are a global recognition of the high standards of Mayo beaches.

Mayo has been awarded 11 Blue Flags for the following beaches: Carrowmore, Clare Island, Doeega, Elly Bay, Keel, Keem, Mullahgroe, Mulranny, Ross Killala, Silver Strand Dugort and Golden Strand.

The Mayo beaches which received Green Coast Awards are Tranaun on Inishturk Island, Termon, Srah, Cross, Belmullet, Portacloy and Rinroe.

Environmental Awareness:

- Development of environment protection education guide for tourists and visitors to the County.
- Development of a suite of new anti-litter awareness signage.
- Talk given to all staff in Johnson and Johnson, Westport covering a range of environmental topics.
- Green School Renewal Visits.

Climate Action:

- Mayo's Initial Decarbonising Zone (DZ) Report was approved by the Council at the May meeting and Mulranny was named as Mayo's initial DZ.
- Following on from the success of the Decarbonising Zone process, a DZ forum has been established for committees to continue working towards their DZ vision.
- Mayo County Council has entered a Memorandum of Understanding with SEAI to provide bridge financing for Sustainable Energy Communities to undertake Energy Masterplans. Achill Island SEC is the first SEC to be supported through this process
- An application has been submitted to Creative Climate Ireland fund for a project with Mulranny DZ called "In 2013..."
- Mayo County Council is working with Bertra connected to protect the dune system and undertook a pilot maram grass planting in Mayo.
- Members of Mayo County Council's Climate and Energy Team have attended Building Climate Capacity Training provided by the LASTNG and ASBN CARO
- Provisional results from SEAI show Mayo County Council has reduced its energy use by 37.7% surpassing the required 33% reduction by 2020.

Civil Defence - March/April/May 2021

Operations - Civil Defence as part of our response to the COVID 19 Pandemic, have continued to assist members of our community in accessing hospital/medical and the Covid 19 Vaccination programme.

Equipment - Civil Defence has taken delivery of two new pieces of equipment during this period which will enhance our Search and Rescue Capability.

- Chasing 2 Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle
- Mavic 2 Enterprise Drone

Familiarization training on these new acquisitions will take place during the month of May with a view to having this equipment fully operational in early Summer.

Inter-agency/National

Civil Defence Officers hold regular remote meetings with the Civil Defence Branch at the Department of Defence to keep updated 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.

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New appointments

Chief Executive
Clerical Officers
10 General Operatives
Retained Fire Fighters

Planning statistics

Planning applications received: 140
Planning Decisions: 75
Planning refusals: 1
Decisions required in next
4 weeks: 98
Preplanning applications received: 22
Appeals: 7

Dates to Note

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



CATHERINE McCONNELL

COMMUNICATIONS - Public Information Daily Updates

Key Digital Campaigns: ▪ #MayoDay ▪ #HometoMayo2022

Mulranny – Mayo's first decarbonisation zone

Oifig na Gaeilge ▪ Translations and ongoing translation of mayo.ie website

Road Safety Awareness: ▪ Motorcycle awareness video campaign ▪ Secondary Schools joint presentation with community Gardaí using Virtual Reality headsets

CORPORATE & HUMAN RESOURCES SECTION

11 Leisure Centre staff from Ballina Castlebar and Westport redeployed to help with the operation of the vaccination centre at Breaffy.

Promotions

- 1 x Staff Officer
- 2 x Plant Operator/Drivers

Interviews in May

- Executive Scientist Environment
- Assistant Chief Fire Officer
- Executive Emergency Communications Officer
- Graduates HR Management (Supplementary Panel – Donegal)

Campaigns Advertised

- Environmental Technician Grade 1 and 2 (Water Services)
- Environmental Executive Technician (Water Services)
- Plant Operator/Driver

Freedom of Information

- 16 FOI requests in the month of May, as of 28/05/2021.

Customer Service

- Customer Service Desk Calls for May - 4421.

Regional Training Centre

Full funding of €2.95m has now been approved for outdoor training facility at Saleen,

LIBRARY

- All library branches open for browsing and borrowing
- Cruinniú programme launched

IT

- ISO27001 six-monthly surveillance audit successfully completed.
- Preparation continuing for national online Planning Portal with the upgrade of our central planning system.
- GIS Story Maps deployed to Mayo.ie platform.

Digital transformation

CRM Project Ongoing:

- Teams Training for new employees on-going
- Planning Digitisation Project

ARCHITECTS

- MCC Housing Construction sites other non-essential Capital projects opened 4th May under Lockdown protocols.
- Tenders received for housing schemes - Hollymount 2 units & Charlestown 3 units.

Heritage

- Mayo County Council Community Heritage Grant scheme advertised.
- Funding secured under the National Biodiversity Action Plan for four projects

Architectural Conservation

- Tenders received for Bowers Walk, Ballinrobe - part-funded under the RRDF.

Parks

- Application submitted to Dep. of Agriculture forestry & food for EIP funding for protection of the endangered Great yellow bee on the Belmullet peninsula.

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- Minister Heather Hymphreys launched the Swinford Digiwest Hub on 31st May.

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism



JOHN MAGEE

It is proposed to use the budget allocation made by Members for mental health to support the work of Mindspace Mayo. Mindspace is based in Castlebar, has outreach services in Erris & Ballina and provides a county-wide early intervention service to young people aged 15-25. Mindspace will be invited to make a presentation to Members later in the year.

Enterprise & Investment Unit

- The LEO Mayo Evaluation & Approvals Committee meeting took place on the 5th May. The Committee approved 9 projects to the value of €167,756
- The national final of the Student Enterprise Programme saw wins for Ballinrobe Community School and Mount St. Michael Secondary School, Claremorris.
- The recently refurbished Swinford Courthouse was formally opened by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys.

Community, Arts, Sports & Childcare

- Applications are invited for the Return to Sport Small Grant Scheme <https://www.mayo.ie/en-ie/mayo-sports/news/mayo-sports-partnership-launches-return-to-sport-s> The scheme is now open with a closing date of the 19th June for applications.
- Mayo Arts Service are implementing its annual professional development programme. The Workshops & Clinics provided for artists interested in Public Art Commissions. *Interested artists can sign up at <https://www.mayo.ie/arts>*
- Following a call for expressions of interest and local evaluation process 13 applications have been submitted to DRCD under the **CLAR Programme 2021**.
- Applications have been invited for the **Community Enhancement Programme 2021**. Application forms and guidelines are available on www.mayo.ie

Tourism

- Confirmation received from promoters of Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series 2021 that Mayo will host a leg of the event at the Downpatrick Cliffs Ballycastle in September.
- **Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business** – 221 applications received to date. Closing date 30th Sept.
- RTE Nationwide currently filming cultural heritage and tourism offering of Achill Island which will be broadcast in mid-July.
- Work currently underway on development of Clew Bay Greenway (Achill) and improvement works to the Great Western Greenway Network.

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- 22nd June: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning and Marine SPC
- 25th June: Tourism, Recreation, Food and Community Engagement SPC



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Financial Management & Motor Tax

PETER DUGGAN



Mayo County Council

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2021 Adopted Budget Four months ended 30th April 2021

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Apr-21	Budget 2021	Remaining 2021	% Spent 2021	Inc. To Date Apr-21	Budget 2021	Net Rec'd 2021	% Rec'd 2021
A	Housing and Building	5,955,086	19,682,822	13,727,736	30%	6,094,346	19,631,762	13,737,416	31%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	7,924,112	47,892,469	39,968,357	17%	3,586,418	40,820,501	37,234,083	9%
C	Water Services	4,742,955	16,726,666	11,983,611	28%	3,935,991	20,253,795	14,317,764	29%
D	Development Management	5,030,687	13,659,093	8,628,396	36%	1,831,943	4,187,315	2,355,372	44%
E	Environmental Services	5,074,730	16,396,984	11,322,154	31%	1,585,864	5,744,900	4,159,036	28%
F	Recreation and Amenity	3,221,232	10,724,014	7,502,782	30%	319,002	3,386,330	3,067,328	9%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	598,349	1,954,527	1,356,178	31%	204,091	588,260	384,179	63%
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,621,777	11,488,138	7,866,361	32%	4,536,969	7,213,963	2,676,994	39%
J	Central Management Charges	6,850,029	20,444,108	13,594,079	34%	539,935	1,500,000	961,065	36%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	11,585,265	34,784,930	23,199,685	33%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	6,992,302	20,856,905	13,904,603	33%
	GRAND TOTAL	43,018,968	159,168,621	116,149,653	27%	43,171,116	159,168,621	115,997,505	27%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection Apr-21	Collected Apr-21	Arrears Apr-21	Collected %
Rents	2,156,861	1,236,644	920,217	57%
Rates	44,093,166	3,330,908	40,762,258	8%
Housing Loans	1,530,101	576,636	953,466	39%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	0
Estimated interest incurred	2,910

APPENDIX A FINANCIAL REVIEW JUNE 2021

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