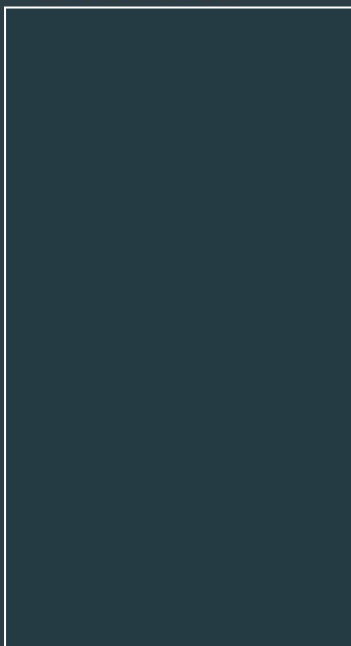


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Chief Executive Report

Peter Duggan



National Quality Standard Award for Leisure Complex at Lough Lannagh



Ireland Active, the National Health and Leisure Body, announced that Lough Lannagh Leisure Complex has been awarded a National Quality Standard Award. The level of award bestowed - **Outstanding Standard** - is the highest possible standard achievable and is the result of a thorough audit process which was carried out by Ireland Active at the facility last year. The National Quality Standard Award, is awarded to facilities that meet the operational standards for leisure and fitness facilities across 250 quality-based criteria. The standard is designed to encourage excellence and continuous improvement within the sector and recognise facilities for their remarkable standards in the areas of safety, hygiene, human resources and customer service.

I would like to thank all the team at Lough Lannagh for securing this important standard despite the huge pressures being faced by the leisure industry due to Covid 19.

Mayo County Council holds its first online Meeting

In keeping with public health advice in relation to Covid 19, on 18th January 2021, the monthly plenary meeting of Mayo County Council was held online. This was the first time in its 100+ years history that a plenary meeting of the full Council was held online.

Covid-19

Level 5 restrictions will remain in place until 5 March. We continue to deliver our services to the citizens of the County with all of our services 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.

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 .

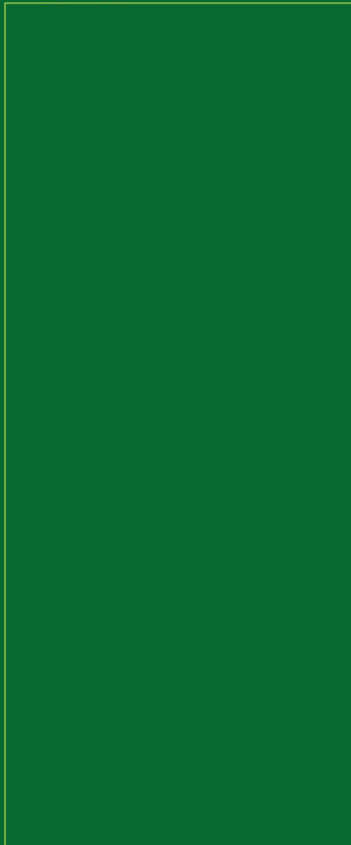
During the month of January, the HSE joined forces with Mayo County Council and Gardai in the County to appeal to the people of Mayo to help prevent the further spread of COVID 19. The three agencies have worked together to appeal to people to follow the public health advice and stay at home to protect themselves and each other given the significant and sustained increase in the number of confirmed COVID 19 cases in the county. 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.





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Planning, HR, Communications, Information Systems and Corporate Development



Catherine Mc Connell

LIBRARY

- Online services are open 24/7.
- Commemorations programme for 2021 being drawn up.
- Multi-sensory TTRS licenses being distributed to parents and teachers of children with special needs.
- Creative Ireland Team plan for 2021 in preparation.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- Company CRM Project underway. Steering Group - 1st meeting complete.
- Teams Project – Complete for all staff
Ongoing support continuing for remote working and elected members.
- Planning Digitisation Project. Solution review complete.
- Consultation Portal – Now live on mayo.ie website.
- Council & MD Online Meetings via Teams

I.T.

- New staff intranet “*Connect*” launched on 1st February, 2021 – IS and Communications Department collaboration.
- Successful pilot completed for enhanced remote working solution for low bandwidth connections.
- Sign-off on requirements for online recruitment system.
- Completed advisory role on Western Development Commission Enterprise Hubs software procurement project.
- 2021 Operational Plan agreed.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Public Information Updates: Covid-19 daily Public Health messaging - • Impact of level 5 Restrictions on Council Services • Traffic Disruption • Water disruption, • Weather alerts • Road Gritting updates

Media: Local and National media queries responded to

Co-operation with Sector publications for articles in LGIU monthly blog and Council review.

Social Media Campaigns • collaborative interagency public health messaging #Stayathome • Council service delivery in level 5 restrictions • Public Consultation on Draft County Development Plan • Keep well campaign • Community Support helpline • Hedge cutting season • Civic amenity sites • Christmas tree recycling • Built heritage investment scheme • Co Library online services • Connecting with Mayo Diaspora

Oifig na Gaeilge • Translations for adverts, publications and website • Managing content on Gaeilge Chontae Mhaigh Eo Social Media pages.

Road Safety Awareness Campaigns: • Be Safe Be Seen High Vis Campaign • Traffic is different -the speed limit is not • Winter driving safety tips and advice • Enjoy the fresh air but please park safely.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Appointments

1 Graduate

1 SEO

1 Clerical Officer

2 campaigns advertised – Beach Lifeguard & Assistant Staff Officer

One campaign shortlisted – Exe Scientist (Water). Interviews held for ISTSO

Promotions

1 SEO

2 Staff Officer

CORPORATE

FOI Requests = 6; Ombudsman = 3 cases; Insurance Claims = 9

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Roll out of new dog fouling awareness graphics.

Brown bin feature in local papers.

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



John Condon

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mayo County Council have successfully maintained our NSAI certification to *I.S. EN ISO 9001:2015* for CAMP or the *West Region Communications Centre (FIRE)* for a further 3 years until 2024 subject to the annual audit.

ENVIRONMENT

Awareness:

The following campaigns ran throughout January:

- New year Environment Awareness Advert Campaign on Midwest Radio – 22 days of environmental information adverts focused on waste prevention and better waste management. This was further discussed during the Environment Slot on Midwest Radio on January 7th.
- Week commencing 11th January – distribution of just under 13,000 information leaflets to all households living in the low smoke zones in Mayo.

VETERINARY

Tender for Provision of Dog Pound:

Mayo County Council invited tenders for Provision of Dog Pound and related services in October 2020. The successful tender was awarded to Fleming Kennels, Mureeen, Claremorris.

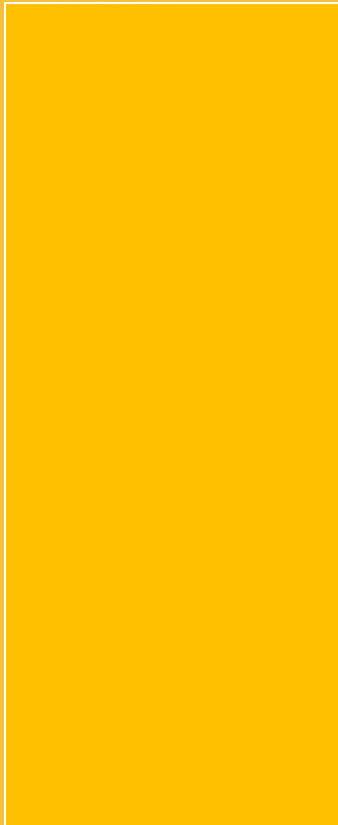
Dogs Worrying Sheep:

We are continuing to raise awareness with dog owners, on social media, of incidences of dogs worrying sheep, with sheep being seriously injured or killed. All sheep worrying incidents should be reported to the Dog Warden or An Garda Síochána for Investigation.

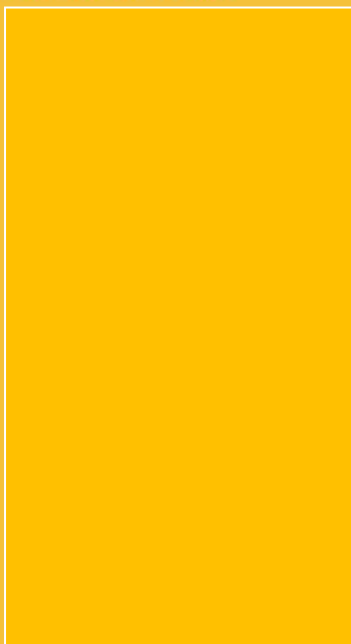


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Housing and Architectural Services

Simon Shevlin



Housing

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme 2016-2021

- Rebuilding Ireland target for Social Housing is 708 however Mayo 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 January 2021, 20 houses were delivered under the HAP scheme and 5 houses delivered under the RAS scheme. 2,161 active households supported by RAS and HAP in Mayo at the end January 2021.

Leasing

In January 2021 under the leasing programme 3 houses were delivered. A total of 255 households supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo.

Refugee Resettlement

This phase of the Refugee Resettlement Programme is completed, and the resettlement target has been achieved. There are 200 persons accommodated in Mayo to date (186 Mayo County Council, 14 persons accommodated by the Red Cross in pledged accommodation). We are awaiting a national decision regarding Phase 2 of the programme.

Homelessness

There were 9 presentations in January 2021.

Architects

The Appointment of Haley Sharpe Design, London, for the interpretation and fitout of the Mary Robinson Centre Ballina.

Heritage

County Heritage Plan Funding Application 2021 is submitted to Heritage Council. Gardening for Biodiversity winter advertisement campaign.

Parks

The preparation of the design, for public consultation associated with:

- A new public park to the railway embankment, Foxford road, Ballina.
- The refurbishment of 3 ball courts at the Tom Ruane Park, Ballina, in tandem with, the provision of a sensory garden.
- Village enhancement proposals for Lahardane, Aghamore and Bohola.

The preparation of a Draft Play & Recreation Strategy, for presentation to MCC's Tourism Recreation Food and Community Engagement SPC.



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- Digital West 2021, hosted by GMIT and sponsored by LEO Mayo took place on January 26th.
- Webinar for Leaving Cert students applying to the CAO was held with Brian Mooney, guidance Counsellor

Dates to Note

- 16th Feb (provisional): Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Planning and Marine SPC
- 19th Feb: Tourism, Community Engagement & Food SPC

ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM

John Magee



LEO / Invest

- LEO Mayo launched its new training schedule for Spring 2021, covering topics including Preparing your Business for Customs, Building resilience in your Business and Developing your Business Online in the COVID changed world.
- LEO Mayo sponsored the GMIT Mayo's Digital West event, where this year's theme focused on Digital Transformation. LEO Mayo client Brid Conroy of Tertulia Bookshop shared her experience of adapting to an online environment.
- The Wifi4EU initiative, providing access to free Wifi in designated public spaces continued its rollout in Balla, Ballinrobe and Crossmolina during January.

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Capital Works: Planning of several projects ongoing
- West Mayo featured on Rte television Nevins seafood Food trails

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- All services have adapted to the current Covid restrictions. The Community response Helpline is operating 7 days per week.
- Mayo Sports Partnership, Arts and the County Childcare Committee have adapted their delivery programmes and supports to continue to deliver full services.
- Additional supports have been obtained through Community Resilience Fund to deliver additional programmes.

Funding programmes:

- LEADER is now operating under an extension to the current programme. Currently working to ensure that Mayo is awarded a Transitional Programme from April, which is dependent on a total commitment of the current programme.
- An announcement has been made on 2020 Standard Town and Village Scheme allocations
- 120 applications received for COVID 19 Emergency Fund Round 2 from a wide variety of voluntary & community groups. Mayo has an allocation of **€55,000**.

LCDC Training and Education Working Group

- Hosted Webinar in January for Leaving Cert Students that were applying for the CAO. Brian Mooney, Advisor, Guidance Counsellor, Journalist with Irish Times was the guest speaker. Further Webinars will be delivered in the coming months.

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Commercial Rates Waiver for First Quarter 2021

On 30th December, 2020 the Government announced Level 5 restrictions including the closure of non-essential businesses from close of business on 31st December until 31st January, 2021. Further restrictions were announced on 6 January 2021. In order to reflect these restrictions and to continue the supports available for ratepayers, and in recognition of the impact of the ongoing trajectory of COVID 19, a further waiver of commercial rates will apply to specified businesses in the first quarter of 2021.

Dates to Note

Meetings:

Roads & Transportation
SPC on 23rd February.

Hedge Cutting season
ends
28th February, 2021.

Finance, Roads & Service Development

Tom Gilligan



Roads

- Roadworks other than critical maintenance activities suspended until early March due to Covid 19. Regional and local road 2021 allocations expected from DTTAS in early February
- 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 and contract procurement ongoing for N17/R320 Junction Claremorris.
- Works ongoing to R312 Glenisland Bridge scheme.
- Design works on going for 2021 pavement overlay and safety programmes.
- Submission under the Active Travel Programme made to National Transport Authority

Procurement & Efficiency Review

- Electronic Property Register tender – Currently being evaluated
- Newport Regeneration Project -tender advertised
- Mechanical and Electrical Consultancy Services required for 3 Housing projects in County Mayo- tender
- Civil and Structural Consultancy Services for Ballina car Park
- Proposed extension to Myna Community Centre, Kilmeena,
- Tender for Emergency Works, Planned Maintenance and Refurbishment Works (Unscheduled Works) for Mayo Local Authority Dwellings in the Claremorris Swinford Municipal District
- Several tenders advertised for hire of plant with & without operators for all areas of MCC
- The Procurement Section currently drafting a new Green / Sustainable Procurement Strategy for the organisation.

Finance

COVID-19 – ADDITIONAL MEASURES for Local Authority Mortgages Provision of a Fourth Mortgage Payment Break. Mayo County Council was informed of additional arrangements to be put in place to support local authority borrowers who are experiencing financial distress arising out of the continuing COVID-19 situation. An extension of the closing date for first time applicants applying for a first Mortgage Payment Break from 31 December 2020 to 31 March 2021 and Borrowers who previously completed a Mortgage Payment Break can apply for a second, third or fourth Mortgage Payment Break if circumstances warrant it, however, all Mortgage Payment Breaks must be completed in full by 31 March 2022;



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APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL REVIEW DECEMBER 2020

1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2020 Adopted Budget
twelve months ended 31st December 2020

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Dec-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Remaining 2020 €	% Spent 2020	Inc. To Date Dec-20 €	Budget 2020 €	Not Rec'd 2020 €	% Rec'd 2020
A	Housing and Building	17,261,775	16,787,251	-474,524	103%	17,417,219	17,140,159	-277,060	102%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	46,818,543	40,161,103	-6,657,440	117%	39,002,694	33,766,003	-5,236,691	116%
C	Water Services	14,791,677	16,646,566	1,854,889	89%	18,214,669	19,986,244	1,771,575	91%
D	Development Management	33,442,810	12,593,741	-20,849,069	266%	24,965,021	4,010,066	-20,954,955	623%
E	Environmental Services	15,735,216	16,477,347	742,131	95%	5,073,999	5,642,900	568,901	90%
F	Recreation and Amenity	10,413,176	10,434,578	21,402	100%	2,429,556	3,340,580	911,024	73%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,641,232	1,789,219	147,987	92%	539,972	584,250	44,278	92%
H	Miscellaneous Services	26,033,856	13,200,546	-12,833,310	197%	18,941,790	6,504,929	-12,436,861	291%
J	Central Management Charges	20,780,837	19,970,850	-809,987	104%	1,604,900	1,500,000	-104,900	107%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	34,568,916	35,773,727	1,204,811	97%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	19,812,344	19,812,344	0	100%
	GRAND TOTAL	186,919,123	148,061,201	-38,857,922	126%	182,571,080	148,061,201	-34,509,879	123%

2. Performance of Local Authority Revenue Collection Levels

	Total for collection Dec-20	Collected Dec-20	Arrears Dec-20	% Collected
Rents	8,604,049	7,510,521	1,093,528	87%
Rates	25,422,633	20,995,538	4,427,095	83%
Housing Loans	4,131,487	3,255,165	876,322	79%

3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility

Number of days in overdraft	40
Estimated interest incurred	3,533