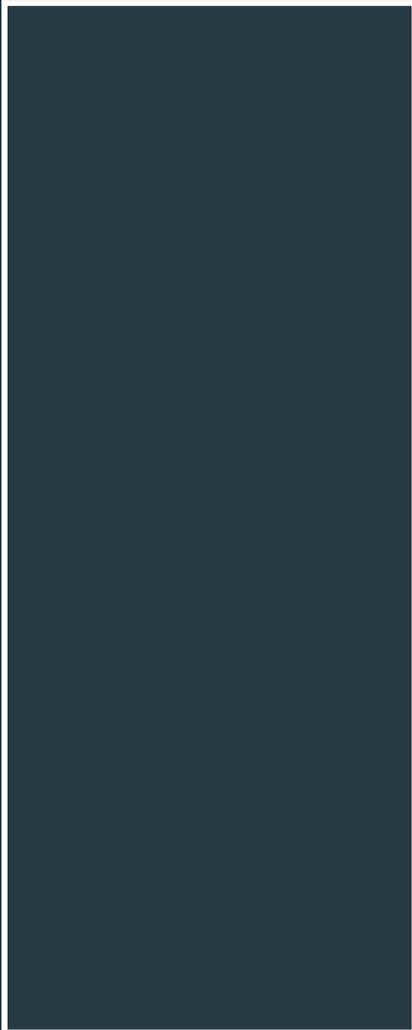


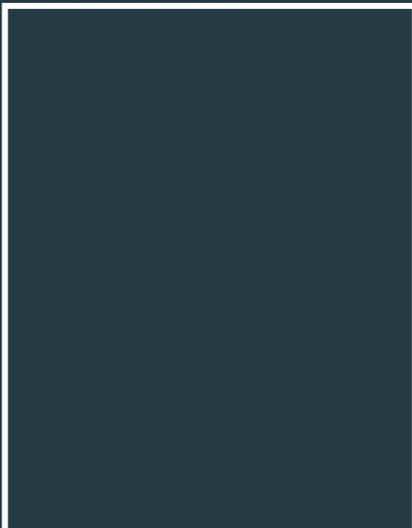


MONTH, YEAR

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

## Chief Executive Report

KEVIN KELLY



The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced funding of €10.24 million for a further 2 rural regeneration projects in Mayo

The projects are being funded as part of *Our Rural Future*, the Government’s 5 Year Policy for Rural Development.

### Ballinrobe Community Arts and Amenity Centre €4.59m



This €5.75 m project will regenerate a vacant building located on the main street in Ballinrobe to provide a multi-purpose community facility, tourism accommodation, conference and meeting facilities and a café. The project will contribute to the social and economic regeneration of Ballinrobe by redeveloping a key cultural building for the use of the community.

### Newport Regeneration €5.65m

In this €7m project a number of elements will combine to improve and enhance the physical appearance, functioning, and amenity value of Newport town centre. Public realm works will enhance the streetscape in the town centre including dark skies friendly lighting. The demolition of derelict buildings will allow the construction of an Enterprise and Tourism Hub, providing potential for sustainable economic activity and job creation.





## Directorate Highlights

### Roads

Successful contractor is now appointed for N60 Heathlawn scheme with works on site to commence in the coming weeks.

Active Travel programme continues to be delivered with additional funding of €1,539,613 allocated to schemes by NTA during the year.

2023 Bridge Rehabilitation and Safety Improvement applications submitted to DoT.

### Architects

Works commenced on site for 21 units at Kiltimagh.

Planning Permission received for 16 units at Cross West from An Bord Pleanála.

### Parks

Works commenced on the refurbishment of Tooreen community recreational facility  
Completion of Keel community playground.

## Dates to Note

Roads SPC delegates met with the TII in Dublin 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

N26 / N59 Ballina By -Pass is at Phase 2 route option stage, with preferred route to be finalised in Q1 2023.

DCB Working Group next meeting to be held in early December.

## Housing, Roads, Architectural Services and Service Development

### TOM GILLIGAN



### Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport – Turlough scheme with project completion still due in Q2 2023.
- N60 Manulla Scheme is at route option phase with preferred route to be identified in Q4 2022.
- Contract documents for the N59 Newport – Derrada scheme undergoing final review which will be followed with a request to TII to proceed to tender in Q4 2022.
- Consultant procurement ongoing for N26 Mount Falcon to Foxford Scheme for the various phases of scheme delivery.
- Strategic Assessment Report for the N58 Foxford By- Pass has been prepared and forwarded to TII for approval.
- Tender awarded for N84 North of Shrulle road widening scheme with contractor scheduled to commence by end November.
- Works to Bundola Sea Wall in Belmullet nearing completion.
- Construction works on going on N17 Lisduff Claremorris scheme. Bridge substantially complete. R320 partially re opened to traffic. Scheme completion due in January 2023.
- Part 8 for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme published on 27<sup>th</sup> September with submissions to be received by 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Housing

The new Housing Programme ‘Housing for All ‘2022-2026 is now underway. The target for 2022 is 90 houses and projects are currently in progress to achieve same.

#### HAP & RAS (Oct. 2022)

- 21 No. delivered under HAP,

Total of 1,978 active households supported by RAS/HAP at the end of October.

#### Leasing (Oct. 2022)

- 4 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: No. 369 households currently supported under the Leasing Programme.

**Homelessness** – 18 No. homeless presentations for Oct.,2022. Total presentations for 2022 - 116

#### Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

To date: -

271 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received

246 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued

Stage 2 - 43 Grant approval applications approved to date

#### Ukrainian Refugees: -.

Mayo County Council have responded to the Refugee crisis by facilitating multi-person properties for refugees as well as inspecting pledged vacant properties. According to the latest CSO statistics data there are 2,252 Ukrainian refugees in Mayo.

#### Procurement & Efficiency Unit

- RFT for consultancy services of marine engineering specialists.
- RFT for removal of soi containing Japanese Knotweed at Louisburgh.
- Participation in the Public Service Innovation week.



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

JOHN CONDON



### Directorate Highlights

#### Water & Air Team:

(August & Sept)

43 complaints received

80 Inspections carried out with

18 Enforcement actions taken

3 Discharge Licence applications  
 being processed.

17 Planning files referred

Waste Permitting and

Enforcement Update:

1 Certificate of Registration has  
 been granted and 1 Waste  
 Facility Permit is ready to be  
 granted.

Applications have been received  
 for 1 Waste Facility Permit and 2

Review Waste Facility Permits.

One Waste Facility Permit  
 surrender application has been  
 received.

Climate Action: The "Reduce  
 Your Use" Energy Efficiency  
 Campaign was launched with  
 the aim of reducing the council's  
 energy consumption over the  
 winter months. Non-safety  
 lighting is being switched off  
 around Mayo by Electric Skyline  
 as part of the campaign.

### Dates to Note

COP27 launches on 6<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

WEEE Ireland Electrical Recycling  
 Awareness Campaign – highlighting  
 electrical and lighting waste are free  
 to recycle at our Civic Amenity  
 Centres and WEEE Take-Back  
 retailers – promoted on our Social  
 media platforms.

Climate Ambassador training was  
 held on 18<sup>th</sup> October for our 41  
 Ambassadors.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> The Smarter Travel  
 Workplace Initiative, Walktober, 11  
 MCC teams taking part.

6<sup>th</sup> October Climate and Biodiversity  
 Subcommittee meeting

[Available Energy Supports Following  
 Budget 2022.](#)

### ELECTORAL REFORM ACT, 2022

The Electoral Reform Act, 2022 was signed into law by President Higgins on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. The Act provides for the establishment of An Coimisiún Toghcháin – Electoral Commission.

The legislation also introduces a new, modern, on-line approach to electoral registration. This became live on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022** and the following changes have been made to the electoral register:-

- Online registration of electors and update of existing elector details via [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) All new applicants and existing electors within Co. Mayo will need to verify their identity by providing their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode.
- New applicants who wish to register online must choose the **Register online** option to register to vote and will need:-
  - their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode;
  - to be aged 18 or over and living in Ireland;
  - to be aged 16 or 17 and want to pre-register for early registration. These applicants will be automatically moved over to the live Rolling Register on reaching 18 years of age.
- Existing electors who wish to update their details online must choose the **Confirm or update online** option and will need:
  - their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode.
- A new Rolling Register which will replace the Draft and Live Register which will provide continuous registration throughout the year. This will enable the elector to check their details on-line via [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)
- A new Balancing List which will replace the Supplementary Register. Applications which are received from the day the Minister signs a Polling Day Order up to the closing date for the Balancing List (before the 14<sup>th</sup> day before polling day (excluding Sundays, Public Holidays and Good Friday) at an election or referendum) are considered for inclusion in the Balancing List.
- Same-day voting for Island communities.

If an elector requires a postal vote, they must submit their applications by post to the Register of Electors Department, Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar. For any enquiries or registration forms, please contact [registerofelectors@mayococo.ie](mailto:registerofelectors@mayococo.ie) or by telephone to (094) 9064135/ 9064142/ 9064926 or choose **Download Forms** or **Check our FAQs** option on [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)



## Directorate Highlights

### Planning Data for October 2022

- Applications Received: 82
- Decisions to Grant: 80
- Decisions to Refuse: 6
- Forthcoming Decisions: 126
- Formal Preplanning applications: 5
- Appointments at planning Clinics: 51

### Training Figures for October 2022 Indoor

103 indoor staff participated in Courtroom Skills, Cardiac First Response, Personal Resilience & Wellbeing, Competency Based Interview Training and Green Public Procurement Training.

44 outdoor staff received training on Safe Pass, Road Opening & Reinstatement, Driver CPC, Water Treatment Plant Operations, Confined Spaces.  
Further Education

3 staff commenced Further Education Courses.

## Dates to Note

Launch of Cathaoirleach's Awards 2022, closing date for nominations is Friday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

The next Cultural, Education, Corporate, Heritage and Library Services SPC is due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Planning, Human Resources, Communications & Corporate Affairs

CATHERINE McCONNELL



### Human Resources

#### New Appointments in Oct 2022

1 x Pool Lifeguard, 1 x Clerical Officer, 1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 2 x General Operative, 2 x ECO

**Promotions** - 1 x SEE, 1 x ASO, 1 x SET

#### Competitions October 2022

**Advertised** - Branch Librarian, Emergency Control Operator, Executive Architectural Technician

**Competitions Screened/Shortlisted** - Site Technician Grade 2

**Interviews held** - Clerical Officer, Station Officer – Ballyhaunis, Substation Officer – Ballyhaunis, / Charlestown / Achill Sound and Staff Officer.

#### Retirements in October

1 x Clerical Officer, 1 x Senior Emergency Control Operator, 1 x Ganger, 1 x Assistant Staff Officer, 1 x Senior Executive Architect, 1 x Senior Executive Technician.

#### Corporate Communications / Diaspora / Oifig na Gaeilge / Road Safety

Public info updates: traffic disruption, water repairs, recruitment, weather warnings.

Media Responses to local and national Media queries. Issuing of press releases to all media. Co-ordination of corporate advertising.

#### Supporting Events including

Opening of N26 at Cloongullane Bridge

Launch of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Mayo

#### Key promotional campaigns –

- Social Inclusion Awareness Week
- Fire Safety Week
- Cathaoirleach Awards
- Stay safe on the roads
- Join the monthly Council meeting online awareness campaign

#### Oifig na Gaeilge

Compliance planning commenced for advertising sections of Official Languages Act (2021)

Annual Report translation procured,

Translations completed in-house for various departments

#### Road Safety

Working with stakeholders on a Provisional date for the Axa Road Safety Roadshow, 2023

Representation at Road Safety Officers Seminar - hosted by the RSA.

#### Planning

Submission to Minister on Draft Direction on the County Development Plan 2022-2027 lodged.

Residential Zoned Land Tax maps prepared and forwarded to DHCLG/Revenue.



## Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism

JOANNE GREHAN



### Directorate Highlights

LEO events held: Mayo Ideas Week, 'Meet Mayo' & National Women's Enterprise Day  
Over 50 events delivered during Mayo Social Inclusion Awareness Week Oct 10–16

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme was launched by Minister Feighan TD in Belmullet on Oct 28  
€15m allocated by Gov towards COVID-19 Return to Sport Initiatives

Final events of Phase 4 of the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme took place on Oct Bank Holiday Weekend

Lough Lannagh Leisure Facility nominated for 'National Recovery Day' award

Jackie Clarke Collection awarded International Green Flag for their walled heritage garden

### Dates to Note

EOI for Service Provision at the Lough Lannagh leisure facility advertised. Deadline for submissions - Friday Oct 28  
Annual Mayo Science & Technology festival Nov 13–20. Details at [science-technology](#)  
Launch of "ART AT U" exhibition from MCC Art Collection in partnership with ATU students on ATU Campus Nov 16 at 5pm.  
MSP Sports Volunteer Training 2022 Prog underway - [MSP link](#)  
Autumn 2022 "Men on the Move" Prog launched in 7 locations. Details at [Men on the Move](#)

### Enterprise & Economic Development Unit

- LEO Business Advisory Clinics took place in Ballina, Claremorris & Westport
- MCC awarded €31,500 under T&VRS to promote county for remote working
- The EU Project "MegaAWE has completed construction works at the test site in Bangor Erris. The EU Commission has given approval for a modification request and we now enter the last year of the project with a plan to make full use of the test site
- Work continues in partnership with the Claremorris & Western District Energy Co-Operative to support the development of a 5MW Solar PV farm in Clare, Claremorris. The project has been awarded a Renewable Electricity Support Scheme allocation and decision due from APB by the end of Nov 2022

### Strategic Capital Projects

- Ongoing collaboration with DRCD for all schemes
- Supporting LGAS review
- MCC and TII transition meetings ongoing
- Establishing milestones for major capital programme 2022 - 2026

### Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- Mayo Youth Theatre Pilots commenced in Foxford & Belmullet
- Soundworlds Music Prog for Preschools to be delivered from Oct to Dec 2022
- Activator Pole Walking - 20 communities, 50 participants, incl Corraun & Keel
- Aghagower Community Futures Plan launched by Michael Ring, TD on Oct 16
- Mayo's Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme is being piloted in Ballina

### Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Improvement Works completed along the Bangor Trail, incl. installation of a 400m Boardwalk & additional directional signage at remote locations
- Consulting Engineers have been appointed to progress the development of a climbing wall and outdoor pursuits facility at the Leisure Complex at Lough Lannagh

### Clew Bay Trail Update

- New Trailhead Facilities near completion at Achill Sound
- A new 5km section of G/way completed between Achill Sound and Cashel
- A new 2.6km section of G/way completed between Murrisk and Bertra

### Library Services

- 72 events took place in libraries during Oct for Children's Book Festival. Events included storytelling, pottery, chess and author visits
- Mayo County Library initiated a partnership with Mayo General Hospital to promote Healthy Ireland at your Library. The project was launched by Dr John Sharry who spoke at Castlebar Library on looking after your child's mental health
- Over 80 people attended a talk on Tom Crean by author Michael Smith as part of the Wild Atlantic Words Festival
- Mayo County Library Staff attended a Celebrating Community Connections event in association with Mayo Volunteer Centre in Breaffy House Hotel
- Author Eoghan 'Gino' Mac Cormaic launched his book 'On the Blanket' in Castlebar library
- Photography Exhibition of images by students from Jesus & Mary S.S. Enniscrone in Ballina Library
- Jackie Clarke Collection launched the Civil War Exhibition on Oct 3
- Hocus Pocus - A major Halloween day of fun took place on Oct 29

### Marine

- MCC Marine Strategy is now in draft form & is expected to be presented in Q1 2023



**Financial Management,  
 Information Systems & Motor  
 Taxation**  
**PETER DUGGAN**

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Mayo County Council

**1. Major Expenditure and Income by Division with 2022 Adopted Budget  
 Nine months ended 30th September 2022**

**APPENDIX A  
 FINANCIAL REVIEW NOV 2022**

Service Division	Description	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		Exp. To Date Sep-22	Budget 2022	Remaining 2022	% Spent 2022	Inc. To Date Sep-22	Budget 2022	Net Rec'd 2022	% Rec'd 2022
A	Housing and Building	16,036,279	20,197,461	4,158,182	79%	16,235,063	20,549,194	4,314,111	79%
B	Roads Transport and Safety	36,292,657	48,693,190	12,400,532	75%	30,661,382	41,364,352	10,702,970	74%
C	Water Services	12,659,846	16,990,266	4,330,420	75%	15,601,245	20,955,222	5,333,977	75%
D	Development/Management	10,516,619	13,623,633	3,107,014	77%	3,704,129	4,357,416	653,287	85%
E	Environmental Services	12,388,275	16,519,629	4,131,354	75%	4,249,559	5,593,829	1,344,270	78%
F	Recreation and Amenity	9,379,484	11,303,607	1,924,123	83%	3,437,563	3,271,700	-165,863	105%
G	Agriculture, Education Health and Welfare	1,481,018	1,991,117	510,099	74%	467,561	656,410	188,829	71%
H	Miscellaneous Services	10,891,287	12,130,955	1,239,668	90%	7,945,758	8,080,249	134,481	98%
J	Central Management Charges	16,948,952	22,442,222	5,493,270	76%	1,135,600	1,560,000	424,400	73%
	Rates	-	-	-	-	27,487,031	36,866,804	9,169,773	75%
	Local Government Fund	-	-	-	-	15,642,679	20,856,905	5,214,226	75%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>126,597,417</b>	<b>163,892,079</b>	<b>37,294,653</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>126,577,619</b>	<b>163,892,081</b>	<b>37,314,461</b>	<b>77%</b>

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

	Total for collection	Collected Sep-22	Arrears Sep-22	Collected %
Rents	7,276,791	6,058,357	1,218,434	83%
Rates	39,243,310	26,411,272	12,832,038	67%
Housing Loans	3,110,980	2,442,619	668,361	79%

**3. Recourse to Overdraft Facility**

Number of days in overdraft	7
Estimated interest incurred	-430