November, 2021 **Highlights**

Dates to Note

Chief Executive Report KEVIN KELLY



Opening of R312 Glenisland Bridge Scheme



The opening of the R312 Glenisland Bridge Scheme is welcome, and efforts will continue to deliver further improvements on the R312.

Budget 2022

The preparation of the Budget for 2022 is in progress. Additional funding is required for non-discretionary additional expenditure including costs arising from the national pay agreement, pensions and gratuities arising from staff retirements, increased costs for HAP/RAS to be assumed locally, and increased energy costs. While there will be additional income from some new valuations there will be reduced income from NPPR while other income areas, such as pay and display and leisure centres, remain under possible impact of Covid into 2022.



Roads

Construction works ongoing to N26 Cloongullane scheme with bridge beams lifted into position on 15th and 20th October.

Tender assessment report completed for N17/R320 Junction project at Lisduff Claremorris with letter of intent issued to successful contractor.

Contract awarded for refurbishment of 7 No. bridges on the National Road network. Contractor on site.

Consultants have been appointed for the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project.

Minister of State, Hildegarde Naughton, T.D., officially opened the R312 Glenisland Bridge Scheme

Dates to Note

Design work on going to N60 Manulla scheme with public information event to be held in November.

Consultants appointed by Department of Transport to undertake pavement analysis in relation on R332 Kilmaine to Foxhall road. Report expected in November 2021.

2022–2024 Multi– Annual Restoration Improvement Programme to be submitted to DoT by 5th November 2021

Housing, Roads and Service Development TOM GILLIGAN



Housing

Progress on 2016-2021 programme is as follows:

573 units completed with another 373 in different stages of progress.

HAP & RAS

18 No. delivered under HAP and 1 No. delivered under RAS **Leasing**

8 No. house delivered under the Leasing Programme.

Total: 285 No. households currently supported under the Leasing Programme in Mayo at the end of October 2021

Homelessness

7 No. homeless presentations for October (6 singles & 1 family) Total for January to September 2021 is 79 presentations.

Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme

To date: -

- 147 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility Applications received
- 94 Stage 1 Confirmation of Eligibility have been issued
- 14 Stage 2 Grant approval applications received 9 approved

Roads

- Construction works ongoing to N5 Westport Turlough scheme with project completion due in October 2022.
- Design and survey works ongoing for N60 Breaffy Active Travel and Safety Scheme with Part 8 planning to follow.
- Pavement overlay works on going on the N5 Castlebar to Westport scheme at Kilbree.
- 2021 bridge rehabilitation programme on going.
- Strategic Assessment Report in relation to R345 Cong Outer Relief Road has been approved by Department of Transport. Appointment of Consultants to undertake a business case to follow in 2022.
- 2022 Safety Improvement and Bridge Rehabilitation Programmes have been submitted to DoT.

Procurement & Efficiency Unit

- Pavement Inlay works at LP1107 Barrack St. Killala and LT20172 The Acres Killala
- Contractor to provide tree felling & associated works to selected trees as identified in the enclosed Consulting Arborists, Tree Survey & Report, within the grounds of the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life
- Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme 2021 tender for 20 houses. No tender response
- Refurbishment works to Council dwellings.
- Work is ongoing in relation to the Draft Corporate Procurement Plan 2022 2024



Climate Change & Emergency Services JOHN CONDON

Water Services, Environment,



FIRE SERVICE

New Entrants:

All recent recruits to the Fire Service have successfully completed the Using Breathing Apparatus (initial wearer) training module and now go forward to the Compartment Fire Behaviour module to be held at our training facility at Ballinrobe in November.

Fire Safety Week:

The theme of this year's National Fire Safety Week, held 4th - 11th October was: "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives — Test Yours Weekly" or 'Sábhálann aláraim deataigh atá ag obair i gceart saolta — déan tástáil orthu go rialta'.

We had a very successful media campaign this year through the local newspapers, social media, and radio. A fire service awareness morning with the all the TY classes in St Joseph's secondary school was also held while demonstrations in the use of fire extinguishers in domestic settings was held at Fire Brigade HQ.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Civic Amenity Sites:

The Civic Amenity sites at Derrinumera and Rathroeen continued to operate as normal, providing waste services to approx. 2,500 public customers per site.

Waste Team (September activity)

- 112 waste /illegal dumping complaints received, 79 investigated.
- 14 Inspections carried out on Permitted waste sites.
- 9 Inspection of C&D sites carried out.
- 3 Inspection of suspected ELV sites carried out. 6 inspections under the Tyre regulations carried out.
- 36 Household waste surveys and 18 commercial food waste inspections.

CLIMATE ACTION:

- Our Climate Adaptation Progress report was approved by SMT and submitted to the Department
- 53 Mayo County Council staff participated in the Optimising Power @Work Energy Awareness week from October 4th – 8th
- Mayo County Council participated in the Smarter Travel Workplaces Walktober event. 4 staff walks were held during the month.
- MCC have gone to tender for services to develop an Energy Master Plan for Mayo Dark Skies as part of the SEAI Bridge financing MOU.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS:

- Reuse Month Campaign 2021 ongoing October is Ireland's National Reuse Month.
- Reuse Month iRadio Campaign covering Fas Fashion, Coffee Cups, Single Use Plastics & Cash-in unwanted gifts and goods.
- Waste Awareness Campaign with Mid-West Radio -
- Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2021 advertised.

VETERINARY:

New Dog Warden - Darragh Sheridan has been appointed as new Dog Warden and will work along side our existing Dog Warden, Laura Mulligan.

Dates to Note

6th International Safety Education seminar taking place in Dublin on 7th and 8th December 2021

Climate & Biodiversity subcommittee workshop with WDC on "Making the transition to a low carbon society in the western region" - Nov. 4th

Mayo's Call to Action on Climate Local Action, Global Impact – Nov 12th & 13th -Ballina





Planning Data October 2021

Applications Received: 102 Decision to Grant: 81 Decision to Refuse: 7 Forthcoming Decisions: 165

Appeals: 3

Preplanning Applications: 18

HR

New Appointments

1 x Dog Warden 1 x Assistant Planner 2 x CE Scheme - Art Squad 2 x Work placements

1 x Temp ECO = 2 x ASO = 1 x

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Promotions

5 x Assistant Staff Officer 3 x Exec Env Technician (Water) 1 x Env Tech Grade 1 (Water)

Competitions Advertised

Retained Fire Fighters (Castlebar, Ballina, Charlestown & Westport)

Competitions Screened or Shortlisted

Senior Library Assistant Assistant Civil Defence Officer Plant Operator/Driver

Interviews held

Exec Technician (Civil) Water Housing Roads

Retirements

1 x CO 1 x LEO 1 x Canteen Supervisor

FOI: 13

Ombudsman: 1

TRAINING CENTRE

643 training days delivered - a substantial increase on previous months due to COVID restrictions. All essential health & safety training delivered under strict COVID protocols.

Dates to Note

- Tenders for the new €2.9m million outdoor training facility at Saleen, Castlebar have been submitted & being assessed. Building is expected to commence in 2021.
- Minister for State Hildegarde Naughton, TD made a visit to the site of this new facility on 1st November 2021.

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



CATHERINE McCONNELL

Information Systems

- Winning participant, in collaboration with Monaghan County Council and eight other councils, in DPER's *Future Tech Challenge 2021*. The MyCoCo project seeks to accelerate the provision of online services for citizens and businesses and the project will receive a €100k prize fund from AWS.
- Staff training completed on ISO 27701 (extension to ISO 27001 focussed on the processing of personal information).
- Network infrastructure design and configuration completed for relocated CAMP West facility and new system introduction

Digital Transformation

- CE Orders Project: Procurement Phase underway
- Health & Safety Project: Corporate Safety Plan Digitisation Completed
- Planning Digitisation Project Procurement Phase underway.

Communications

- Ongoing responses to local and national Media queries.
- Public information updates on weather alerts, traffic disruption, Covid-19, Water repairs
- Live stream Event Cloongullane Bridge Realignment/Steel Beam Lift
- Key promotional Campaigns Social Inclusion Awareness Week, Fire Safety Week, Road Safety Week, Architecture at The Edge seminar
 - Home to Mayo Campaign

Winters on the way – Gritters at the ready

Library

- Study spaces and access to public computers are now re-opened.
- Ongoing Healthy Ireland at Your Library talks.
- Children's Book festival taking place during the month of October with a hybrid of virtual and live events.
- Launch of Decade of Centenaries artist in residence exhibition in the Jackie Clarke Collection.

Conservation

Conservation works commenced at Customs House Studios & Gallery, Westport.
 Built Heritage Investment Scheme works were completed at Derrydeveagh House,
 Newport, Raheens Obelisk, Raheens & Turlough Lodge, Turlough.

Heritage

- Completion of 17 Community Group Heritage Projects funded by MCC Community Heritage Grant Scheme.
- Conservation Management Plan prepared for Knockatemple Church under Community Monuments Fund.



Pride of Place judging took place this month. The community groups being judged were Ballyheane Community Council, The Cattle Raid Trail Mayo, Ballina Community Clean Up, and Killeen Community Council.

Filming recently took place in Cong for the upcoming series of Neven's Irish Seafood Trails and is due to be aired in Jan/Feb 2022

Dates to Note

The Clew Bay Visitor Experience Development Plan is scheduled to be launched on 19/11/21.

Enterprise, Community, Economic Development & Tourism JOANNE GREHAN



Enterprise and Investment Unit

- National Women's Enterprise Day took place on 7th October. Titled "Build The Future", it featured some of Ireland's best known female entrepreneurs including Elaine Kennedy of Hawthorn Handmade Skincare.
- 8 Mayo Producers picked up Blas na hÉireann 2021 awards-Cácaí Acla; Cake My Day; CPAC Foods; Kelly's of Newport Ltd; Marlene's Chocolate Haven Ltd; Moylurg Honey; O'Hara's Bakery; and Village Farm.
- Administration of the Outdoor Seating & Accessories for Tourism and Hospitality Business Grant is ongoing.

Strategic Capital Projects

- **Military Barracks Castlebar:** finalisation with Chief State Solicitor's Office and scheduling of project with URDF funding.
- Ireland West Airport Knock SDZ: technical assessment of ERDF funding via NWRA.
- TVRS Street Enhancement Measure: DRCD extension advisory to all MD's, Elected Representatives and successful applicants.

Community, Arts, Sports, Childcare

- The Community Response Forum had their last meeting for 2021 on the 15th
 October. The CRF and its sub-groups delivered over 50 initiatives under the
 Keep Well campaign.
- 29 DEDs in West Mayo have been included in the Healthy Communities Initiative. This is a new cross-government initiative to deliver increased health and wellbeing services to the designated DEDs. Initial supports to MCC includes funding for the employment of a Development Officer for 3 years and €250,000 for projects.
- Mayo Arts Service facilitated the launch of "Keepsakes" by Mago McNulty at the Jackie Clarke Museum.
- Mayo County Childcare Committee has completed its Local Implementation Plan Statement of Work for 2022 comprising 163 actions.
- The 2020 Mayo Sports Partnership Annual Report was published and is available on www.Mayo.ie
- Mayo Social Inclusion Awareness Week comprised of over 50 events. The theme was 'Connecting'. https://www.mayo.ie/socialinclusionweek

Tourism, Recreation & Amenity

- Construction works have commenced on the extension to the Monasteries of the Moy Trail, north of Belleek Woods, Ballina.
- Landowner liaison and construction works are ongoing between Achill Sound and Cashel. Works are also continuing on the Foxford Greenway.
- Signage scheme complete along the Euro Velo 1 Atlantic Coast Cycle Route
- Ongoing meetings with Fáilte Ireland on various project proposals, including Outdoor Beach Facilities and the Clew Bay Visitor Experiential Development.

Financial Management & Motor Taxation PETER DUGGAN



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