



Pictured following the annual general meeting of Castlebar Municipal District were, from left, Iarla Moran, head of Castlebar Municipal District, John Condon, director of services, Councillor Al McDonnell, Councillor Blackie Gavin, leas-cathaoirleach, Councillor Ger Deere, Councillor Michael Kilcoyne, cathaoirleach, Councillor Donna Sheridan, Councillor Martin McLoughlin, Ann Sweeney, senior executive engineer, and Karen Ruane, committee administrator.

# Councillor Kilcoyne back in a familiar role

## Independent representative brings great experience to post of Castlebar supremo

INDEPENDENT Councillor Michael Kilcoyne has been elected cathaoirleach of Castlebar Municipal District for the fourth time in nine years.

He was installed in the position at the annual general meeting, succeeding Councillor Martin McLoughlin (FF) in the role.

Councillor Al McDonnell (FF) had been scheduled to take the appointment but chose to postpone it for one year.

He confirmed afterwards he will be seeking the position next June despite speculation to the contrary.

Councillor Blackie Gavin (FF) was installed as leas-cathaoirleach.

Neither of the positions were contested.

In his address, Councillor Kilcoyne said tackling the need for social housing will be his top priority for the coming year.

He praised President Michael D. Higgins on his statement that Ireland's housing crisis is 'a great failure' and 'a disaster'.

Councillor Kilcoyne said: "If



Councillor Michael Kilcoyne pictured after being elected cathaoirleach of Castlebar Municipal District for the fourth time in nine years. PHOTO: KEITH HENEGHAN

a person does not have their own bed to lay on at the end of a day, then we have all failed. "And I am particularly angry over the fact that people are being caught up in all kinds of red tape when trying to improve their positions in life.

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"That's much too long and it's a really big issue."

Councillor Kilcoyne praised the work carried out by Mayo County Council in the Castlebar Municipal District, stating a good team is in place.

Warm tributes were paid to outgoing cathaoirleach, Councillor McLoughlin, for his fairness and courtesy.

He said he was honoured to represent the authority at over 100 events during the course of the past year despite Covid restrictions in the earlier part of his term.

"Thanks for the opportunity," he added.



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council



**Proposed development of 12 no. dwellings, together with all associated site development works at Keelogues Road, Ballyvary, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2020 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020, notice is hereby given that Mayo County Council proposes to carry out a development, particulars of which are set out in the Schedule hereunder.

### Schedule

Location	Nature and Extent of Development
Keelogues Road, Ballyvary, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	The construction of 12 no. new dwellings comprising 4 No. 3 bed houses, 2 No. 1 bed apartments and 6 No. 2 bed houses. All associated site development works including access road, footways, site boundaries, open space, drainage, landscaping, associated earthworks, public lighting, utilities and services connections, diversions of existing services and all ancillary site works. All dwellings will be provided with private gardens, and associated car parking.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the following offices of Mayo County Council:

- Planning Office, Aras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar F23 WF90

Between the hours of 9.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm each day during which said Offices are open for the transaction of business, for a period from the 21<sup>st</sup> of June to the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

Plans and particulars of the above proposed development are available for viewing on our online consultation portal at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> from the 21<sup>st</sup> of June to the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made:

Online at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> or in writing to the Senior Planner, Planning Section, Aras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, not later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

Mayo County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report and has determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Mayo County Council has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and has determined that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and has determined that an EIAR is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Dated 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2022.

Simon Shevlin, Head of Housing College House, Station Road, Swinford, Co. Mayo, F12 V126.	John McHale, A/Head of Castlebar Municipal District Castlebar Area Office, Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 WF90.
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