

NEWS

Appeal to provide shelters for people waiting for buses

Unfair to leave customers standing in the rain

PEOPLE left standing out in the rain for buses is a situation that cannot continue. Councillors in east and south Mayo want to see shelters erected. Councillor Tom Connolly kicked off the debate when he asked Mayo County Council

to seek funding from Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) for two shelters in Ballindine. He was happy to hear back that they are on the agenda for funding in 2023.

A number of people had approached him about the need for shelters, especially during bad weather, with people standing out in the rain.

It's the same on the N17 at Kilkelly, said Councillor John Caulfield, where the express buses don't go into the town. Patients going to Galway for treatment were getting soaked, and here they were encouraging people to use public transport, he noted.

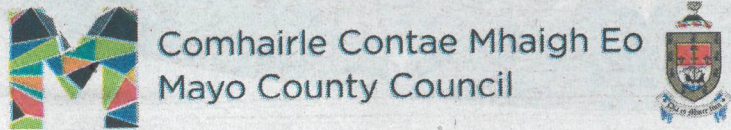
The Kilkelly situation is a health and safety matter, commented Councillor Gerry Murray, with cars parked on the hard shoulder and people standing in the lashing rain.

It would only take a few minutes for buses to go into Kilkelly, even on the grounds of safety.

Knock and Cong were also identified as areas needing shelters by Councillor Damien Ryan given the volume of visitors to both.

Members were told a submission is being prepared for Kilkelly. Ballinrobe, Ballindine and Knock are also identified for upgrading.

The point was also made that getting agreement on bus shelter locations can be difficult. Everyone wants them but not outside their door.



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
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Castlebar Municipal District

Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2020
Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2020

Proposed development of 4 no. dwellings, together with all associated site development works at Lower Charles Street, 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 |
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| Lower Charles Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. | Demolition of the existing 2 storey houses and the construction of 4 No. 1 bed apartments. All associated site development works including, site boundaries, drainage, utilities and services connections, diversions of existing services and all ancillary site works. All dwellings will be provided with private gardens or external terraces. The Proposed Development is adjacent to a protected structure on Lower Charles Street, Code no. 1964: 14: 443. |

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 13th of December 2022 to the 24th of January 2023.

Plans and particulars of the above proposed development are available for viewing on our online consultation portal at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> from the 13th of December 2022 to the 24th of January 2023.

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, F23 WF90, not later than the 8th February 2023.

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 13th of December 2022.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Pictured are Mayo students Sinead Coll and Emer Gibbons who have secured Johnson & Johnson scholarships at University of Limerick. PHOTO: ALAN PRICE

Historic council meeting in Ballyhaunis friary

A HISTORIC council meeting has taken place in Ballyhaunis.

Members of the Claremorris-Swinford Municipal District meeting held their monthly meeting in the friary church, which was founded by the Augustinians. Closed for services for around 20 years now, it is a stunning setting for community events such as concerts, exhibitions and other cultural programmes.

The Ballyhaunis Abbey Trust care for the building and secretary Pat Higgins welcomed the councillors and officials and acknowledged the local authority's support over the years.

The church and friary park are well maintained. It is pro-

posed to install lighting at the sports complex - the electricians are due in soon and the council have identified funding for it, he said.

To keep things up to standard, a few things are needed at the friary - a new boiler and some machinery to maintain the park, added Mr. Higgins.

Councillor Neil Cruise said he nearly blessed himself coming into the building, explaining how he used to attend Mass there back in the years when he worked across the road.

On the works that need to be done, he suggested they put GMA funding towards it or perhaps the trust could apply for some Leader funding.