

# Rescue plan saves 480 jobs at electrical contractors

SOME 480 jobs have been saved at a specialist Mayo electrical contractors after a rescue plan was approved in the High Court.

At the hearing, Ms. Justice Leonie Reynolds complimented the pragmatic attitude taken by the Revenue

Commissioners in accepting the deferment of significant payments due to them in order to save the jobs at Westport-based Instrotec.

The Irish Times reported that Revenue was not objecting to a scheme of rescue arrangement proposed

by examiner Joe Walsh, of JW Accountants.

The judge said Revenue's attitude was very helpful in ensuring survival of the company, which has a significant number of apprentices on its books, making it one of the largest trainers of

skilled workers in the country.

Instrotec is a specialist electrical and instrumentation contractor based in Westport which works on complex projects such as data centres, semiconductor and pharmaceutical

facilities, as well as oil and gas plants in Ireland and Europe.

The High Court had been told earlier that the company had a reasonable prospect of survival based on an independent accountant's report prior to the appointment of Mr. Walsh as examiner.

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The company had faced an 'exceptionally challenging' period in the first quarter of this year as three large projects all became loss-making, the Irish Times reported.



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council



**NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 177AE OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

**N58 Strade River Bridge Rehabilitation Works in Strade, County Mayo**

**Notice of Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for Approval**

Notice is hereby given that Mayo County Council proposes to seek the approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for N58 Strade River Bridge Rehabilitation Works in the townlands of Knockshanbally and Strade, County Mayo. The proposed development consists of the rehabilitation of the existing Strade River Bridge on the N58 National Secondary Road with the replacement of the existing bridge deck with a new single span deck formed by precast prestressed concrete beams with an in situ concrete deck infill. The new deck has a clear span of 10.8m and a width of 11.8m. New independent foundation supports are to be located behind the existing abutment walls with the proposed foundations comprising reinforced concrete bored cast in place piles. The existing bridge pier and concrete apron are to be demolished to improve water conveyance through the structure with a new reduced height concrete apron constructed below the bridge to maintain the existing low flow channel in the Strade River. The existing carriageway width is to be maintained across the new superstructure with new minimum 2m wide concrete verges provided on both sides of the carriageway. Design flood levels require the vertical alignment of the existing road to be raised by 450mm immediately at the bridge location with tie-ins to existing road levels provided on the approaches. New 1.25m high reinforced concrete masonry clad parapets will be constructed over the length of the bridge with vehicle safety barriers installed on both verges approaching and crossing the bridge.

Ancillary works include boundary wall reconstruction and diversion of existing telecom and electricity services crossing the development site.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

An Coimisiún Pleanála may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Natura Impact Statement, will be available for inspection free of charge, or for purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, for a period of 6 weeks from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (inclusive of both dates) at the following locations:

- Planning Department (Public Counter), Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo F23 WF90 between the hours of 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holiday's)
- An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1, D01 V902 between the hours of 9:15am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holiday's)

Plans and particulars of the proposed development, including the Natura Impact Statement, are also available for viewing on Mayo County Council's online consultation portal at <https://consult.mayo.ie/> from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Submissions or observations regarding the proposed development may be made in writing, during the 6 week period, to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 in relation to:

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development,
- the likely consequences for proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the proposed development, and
- the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site.

The deadline for submissions or observations to An Coimisiún Pleanála is 5.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

A person may question the validity of any such decision by An Coimisiún Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) as provided for in Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the An Coimisiún Pleanála website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) or on the Citizens Information website ([www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)).

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report for the proposed development has been undertaken and Mayo County Council has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.  
Signed

Conrad Harley  
A/Head of Roads  
Mayo County Council

## Champion handballer and devoted family man mourned

THE late Val Conroy, who has died, is being warmly remembered as a great sportsperson and devoted family man.

Val, of 'Locodegi', Fortfield, Castlebar, and formerly of Clooncan, Hollymount, died peacefully at Hollymount Private Nursing and Retirement Home.

Val worked in the construction industry all his life, where he was a respected figure.

He had a great interest in all sport and in particular handball, winning three All-Ireland Handball Championships with Mayo and Connaught. His success and contribution to sport was acknowledged when he was awarded the Mayo Sports Person of the Year by the Western People.

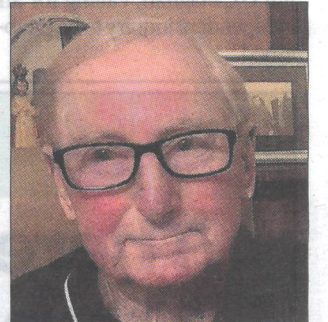
His heart, however, was always at home with his beloved wife of 58 years, Christine, to whom he was devoted.

He took a great interest in the achievements of his children and especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he loved dearly.

Online tributes have recalled a man who was always a gentleman, with a great sense of humour and a good neighbour.

Val was predeceased by his parents Thomas and Sabina (née Keaveney, Ballintubber) Conroy and his brother Gerard.

He will be sadly missed and forever loved by his heartbroken wife Christine (née Guilfoyle, Mayo Abbey), daughter Louise Cooper and her husband Gerard (Manchester), son Colin and his partner Leons (New York), daughter



Val Conroy

Debra Malone and her husband Eddie (Keellogues, Islandeady), daughter Gillian and her partner Stephen (Castlebar), his cherished grandchildren Lisa, Nicole, Lee, Jack, Amanda, Brandon and Tiegán, great-grandchildren Emily, Mia, Oisín, Odette, Harriett, Katie, Zoe and Robbie, his sisters Teresa Sullivan (Leeds), Gaye Dempsey (Carlow), Carmel Egan (Clooncan) and Anne Stewart (Sligo), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, much loved nephews and nieces, his adored godchildren Linda Dempsey (Carlow), Frankie Murphy (Fortfield), Robert Vahey (Robeen), cousins, relatives and many friends, to whom sympathy is extended on their loss.

Val will repose at his home, 'Locodegi', Fortfield, Castlebar, this evening (Tuesday) from 6 to 8 p.m. Removal on Wednesday morning to the Church of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar, for Funeral Mass at 11.30 a.m., with funeral afterwards to the New Cemetery, Castlebar.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.