Mayo World War Peace Park
Garden of Remembrance

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The decision to develop a Mayo Peace Park Garden of Remembrance was made at a public meeting held in the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar on Thursday the 22nd of August 2002. There was unanimous agreement that there should be a major world war memorial to commemorate all the Mayo men & women who served and died in the cause of world peace on the battlefields of Europe and the World. .

The meeting elected officers to work to spearhead the project, Mr. Michael Feeney was elected chairman and project director, Mr. Henry Moroney was elected as meetings secretary and Mr. Stephen McLaughlin was appointed as treasurer, Mr. Ernie Sweeney was elected Ass/Treasurer and P.R.O.

The first objective was to secure a site that had been identified in the centre of Castlebar and to work to bring the project foreword. It took five years of hard work, meetings and representations to bring the project to a position where the site was secured, full planning permission obtained, funding put in place and get work started Mr. Gerry Casey, Castlebar generously donated part of the site to the committee, and Mayo County Council donated the rest of the site.

We must also pay our most sincere thanks to Mr. Michael P. Walsh, Walsh Designs Associates for preparing the initial plans and doing all the early work on the project free of charge. The committee is grateful to Mayo County Council and Castlebar Town Council engineering staff for their support. .

The initial work contract was signed in February of2007 to carry out the earthworks and infrastructure, this is nearly 70% complete at this stage, It is now hoped to have all the work completed and memorials in place for an official opening in 2008 to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the ending of world war one.

The steering committee have achieved quite a lot over the past five years, and the dream of providing a fitting Memorial to honour our forgotten Mayo world war dead is progressing well.

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