

Meath Local Authorities Annual Report 2010

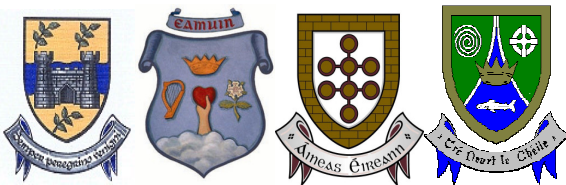


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1. FOREWORD

The publication of this Annual Report 2010 gives an opportunity to illustrate and provide information on accomplishments and progress on the many and varied services provided by Meath Local Authorities. The progress made in advancing the various infrastructural projects including roads, water, sewerage, housing and environment are detailed within the various sections of the report.

The highlight of 2010 was undoubtedly the opening of the M3 Clonee to North of Kells Motorway Scheme one of the largest single road projects ever to be constructed in the State. The M3 €1 billion project was delivered in a Public Private Partnership between the National Roads Authority working with Meath Co. Council and Eurolink Motorway Operations (M3) Ltd. The scheme compliments existing investment in the County such as the €110 million already spent on the Strategic Regional Road Network. The first phase of the Navan rail project was also completed with the opening of the Dunboyne rail service, which has eased the burden on commuters getting to and from Dublin city centre. The rail project together with the opening of the M3 will contribute in a very significant way to the future sustainable economic development of County Meath.

The focus on economic development and the promotion of Co. Meath as a prime location for inward investment continues to be a priority. The Council's Economic Development & Innovation Unit and IT Section developed www.meatharoundtheworld.com an innovative worldwide network dedicated to bringing together everyone with an interest in doing business in Meath. The site can be used to discuss business opportunities and new initiatives and meet online with potential partners, investors, customers and suppliers. It is an opportunity to promote Meath and its citizens among the international business community and to attract new companies and industries to the County. It is our objective to promote Meath not only as Ireland's Heritage Capital but as an ideal tourist destination and a business location of choice for investors.

Despite the very difficult financial situation both at national and local level, we continued to deliver efficient and quality services with fewer staff and reduced income. The winter of 2010 was marked with two sustained periods of severe weather, which adversely affected the movement of people and their day to day activities. We would like to thank our staff and all concerned for their work and dedication in responding to and managing the challenges associated with this abnormal weather, particularly the work that was done day and night to keep the road networks open and to maintain water supply across the County.

The ongoing commitment to supporting communities is also highlighted in this report by and the Council continues to work in partnership with them to promote social inclusion and to encourage participation in the development of cultural and environmental programmes.

All the achievements outlined in this Annual Report could not have been accomplished without the collective input of the Councillors, Chairpersons and Members of the Strategic Policy Committees, Area Committees, Management Team and Staff, together with the support of the many voluntary and community organisations. The challenges that continue to face our County can and will be addressed with the continued commitment of all, and we look forward to meeting those challenges together in the coming year.








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3. COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE, RECREATION, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The Community, Enterprise, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Section has responsibility for:

- Meath County Development Board
- Community & Enterprise Development
- Pride of Place Initiatives
- Community, Recreation, Leisure and Amenity Facilities/Community Grants Scheme
- Heritage
- Arts
- Library Service
- Rapid Programme
- Meath Local Sports Partnership

3.1. Meath Co. Development Board

In 2010, Meath County Development Board met four times. Presentations were made by Agencies including:

- JIGSAW Meath - Youth Mental Health Project
- Teagasc - Agriculture in Meath.
- FAS - Training.
- Health Service Executive –Primary, Community & Continuing Care
- Failte Ireland - Tourism
- Meath Volunteer Centre
- Enterprise Ireland
- IDA
- Community & Voluntary Sector - Cost of Community Development to Not-for Profit Community Development
- Report on Comhairle na nOg

In response to Circular LG24/09, the Meath County Development Board reviewed the Meath Interagency Strategy for the Traveller Community. The Strategic Priorities Document 2010 – 2013 – Together Improve the Lives of Travellers (TILT), was prepared. One of the projects from the original strategy, Meath Travellers Employment Initiative, established in 2008, has secured funding for 2011.

The County Development Board endorsed an Action Plan produced by its economic sub committee in 2010.

3.2. Community Development

3.2.1. Community and Voluntary Forum

The Steering Group met 10 times during 2010 and held their AGM in May 2010. Guest speaker for the AGM focused on Telecare Systems with grants available from the Dept. of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs. The Dunshaughlin Area Fora held a Meet & Greet evening for the community in November 2010 to relaunch their group with 14 speakers from the community participating. The Department of Environment Heritage & Local Government supports the forum financially each year.

3.2.2 Community IT Development

Resource websites

Communities & Schools Online Together, the Meath Education and Training Directory (www.metd.ie) Meath Care Portal (www.meathcareportal.ie), Meath Support Services Directory (www.meathsupportservices.ie), Meath4Funding (www.meath4funding.ie) and Meath Business Property listings (www.meathbusinessproperty.ie) websites continued to provide valuable resources and information to the community.



3.2.3 Social Inclusion

3.2.3.1 SIM Group

SIM Group operates as a networking and information sharing forum for interagency and local development groups in the County. The group were also consulted in relation to the Meath Interagency Strategy for the Traveller Community Strategy Review, application by Meath Partnership for funding under Local Community Development Programme (LCDP), Tiny Talk – Child Speech therapy project.

3.2.3.2 Social Inclusion Unit

The Social Inclusion Unit for Meath County Council continues to be part funded by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. 2010 was the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. Meath SI Unit together with Meath Libraries, Meath Local Sports Partnership, Meath Partnership, RAPID, Comhairle na nÓg, Cultur, Rehab Ireland, Claremont Stadium, held events to promote this subject during May and Social Inclusion Week in October.

3.2.3.3 Youth

A part-time co-ordinator continued to work with Meath Comhairle na nÓg during 2010. This role is for two days per week and is funded through the development fund issued by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

To date the members of Meath Comhairle na nÓg have been consulted on a number of issues that potentially could have an impact in the lives of young people in County Meath. Some of these matters were:

Reform of Junior Cycle, and Whitepaper on Crime, Department of Justice and Law Reform, and Tara Landscape Project, Youth and Transport Questionnaire.

The Comhairle also took part in St Patrick's Day Parade, National Recreation Week and Social Inclusion Week.

3.2.3.4 Youth Mental Health Project

The County Development Board facilitated applications for significant grant aid, to the Office of the Minister for Youth and Children during 2010. Two projects were successful for County Meath. JIGSAW Meath received funding of €75,300 and the Meath Youth Federation received €10,000.

3.2.4.5 Disability

Funding totalling €223,035 (Capital funding of €215,535 and €7,500 for current expenditure) was received under the National Disability Strategy Plan Funding Scheme. Work then commenced on projects, for example, provision of automatic doors at public offices, upgrade of car parking spaces and improvements to Kells Swimming pool. The Meath Disability Advisory Committee met three times during 2010.

3.2.4.6 Rapid

The Navan Rapid Programme was re-developed and the Navan RAPID Area Implementation Team was reconstituted with increased membership. A recruitment drive took place for RAPID Community Consultative Committee. Greater community participation and engagement of local state agencies in the programme was achieved. Research commenced on the preparation of a new workplan for the RAPID area. The RAPID Navan AIT were allocated €7,000 towards the Community Support Budget by Pobal.



3.3 Pride of Place Initiatives

In 2010, the Annual Pride of Place Initiatives saw the completion of 175 projects among community and voluntary groups and schools. These projects included many town and village enhancement schemes, provision and maintenance of recreational spaces, biodiversity projects, recycling and recovery schemes, sustainable planting, community composting and the development in many schools of sustainable gardens with food production by primary school children. Castletown won the overall award at a ceremony in Navan in October, with many other excellent projects receiving acknowledgement for their efforts. St Patricks National School in Stackallen received the top prize in the schools category.

3.3.1 Co-Operation Ireland All Island Pride of Place Awards

County Meath had the honour of hosting the All Island Pride of Place Awards in 2010. The event took place in Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim, where 600 guests from across the whole island were entertained by local County Meath singer and double Eurovision winner Johnny Logan, and were treated to a visit to Trim Castle and visitor passes for Newgrange.

Navan Group Athlumney Abbey received the prestigious award of best housing estate in Ireland, and Trim and Moynalty also received runner up prizes. South Hill Enterprises in Athboy and Meath Harp School in Nobber were highly commended by the judges in their citations.

Many guests expressed their enjoyment of their visit to Meath and their intention to return for another visit with their families and friends.

3.3.2 Anti-Litter League 2010

Seventy eight community and voluntary groups and five secondary schools took part in this competition which saw hundreds of people collecting litter from across the county over a six week period in March and April 2010. Meath County Council provided bags, gloves, bibs, bins and waste collections to assist these groups, and an awards evening was held in the Solstice Arts Centre in April.

This annual event goes from strength to strength and assists groups in getting their work programmes for the year up and running in the Spring, giving them a head start when they begin their work for the Pride of Place and Tidy Town Competitions. Moynalty, Castletown and Dunboyne won the top awards in their category, with St Olivers Primary School in Oldcastle taking the top schools award.

3.3.3 Environmental Community Projects and Works Grant Scheme

There are currently two schemes available in the County at Knockharley and Carranstown for environmental improvement works. Community groups and approved householders in these two areas may qualify for grant aid under this Scheme. The Carranstown Scheme was launched in 2010. In each case a local committee makes recommendations which then go to the full Council for approval.

3.4 Arts Office

Meath County Council Arts Service works closely with artists, individuals and communities to increase access to, awareness of and participation in the arts across all disciplines and sectors of society. It achieves this through the provision of an annual series of cultural events which include music, dance, theatre, visual art, literature and participatory arts projects. It also provides a wide variety of funding opportunities for artists and groups of all disciplines, amateur and professional, and a comprehensive information and advice service. It also acts as a facilitator for arts organisations and plays a major role in the development of arts infrastructural projects and models of good practice for the county.

2010 saw the commissioning of a number of new works across a variety of arts disciplines, also a number of premieres of Meath County Council commissioned works. These actions are intended to support the Local Authority policy of supporting quality artistic endeavor, provision of employment opportunities for artists and long term sustainability and durability for the arts in the county.

Partners worked with in 2010 included: the Arts Council, Solstice Arts Centre, Ratoath Community Centre, Alternative Entertainments Ltd., Music Network, Meath Heritage Office, Age and Opportunity Ireland, Meath



Youth Federation, Meath County Council Library Service, The National Gallery of Ireland, Primary and Secondary Schools in the County, 25 Active Retirement Centres in Meath, Meath Harp Ensemble, Tall Tales theatre Company, Noggin Theatre Company, National Concert Hall Outreach Education Department. New partnerships have been developed and existing ones consolidated with local, national and international agencies to realise arts policies and objectives

3.4.1 Pucas & Potions Children's Halloween Festival

Nominated as Festival of the Year by Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards in 2010, Pucas and Potions Children's Halloween Festival is based on the traditional idea of trick or treat with a full day of activities whereby children were required to collect nine hazelnuts in order to receive their "treat" from the 'Old Hag'. To get the hazelnuts children had to engage in the creative activities that make up Pucas and Potions. These included: Scabs and Scars workshops where children made their own realistic scars, cuts and bruises; Lantern Making workshops; Puca Puppet Making and Storytelling from around the world. In addition to the workshops children interacted with spooky spectres from Meath Youth Theatre as they entertained children throughout the day. The Giant Head of Mogriagh told the story of Halloween and how it all began. Children could also seek their fortune using the fun filled and messy Giant Brack of Fortune.

Pucas and Potions Children's Arts Festival was full of fun and activities that lasted into the early evening. The 2010 event took place in Dunshaughlin Park and attracted over 2,500 visitors on the day with eight schools and youth groups taking part in activities in the weeks leading up to the event. Many groups took part in the event such as Meath Rehab, Meath Youthreach, Meath Arts Group, and Dunshaughlin Community Centre, Tidy towns, Residents Association and over 30 volunteers from Dunshaughlin.



3.4.2 Féach

FÉACH – furthering enterprise, arts culture & heritage, initiative continued in 2010 with professional artists workshops being organized in collaboration with Tall Tales Theatre Company. These included; Lighting Design, Acting for Stage, Directing for Stage and Playwriting. Training in Health and Safety, Child Protection, Crowd & Event Management Management was also provided to artists and volunteers.

3.4.3 Solstice Music Commission

World Premiere of 'Solstice' by award winning composer Ciarán Hope. Originally from Dunboyne and now based in L.A., Ciarán Hope was selected to compose this piece following a competition under the Per Cent for Art Scheme attaching to Solstice Arts Centre. The piece took place at a gala performance in Solstice Arts Centre on June 21st to great critical acclaim.

3.4.4 Bealtaine Festival

Bealtaine Festival continued in Meath with the commissioning of a new Theatre work by Meath County Council. Alice Barry, Meath based playwright wrote and directed 'Fruitcake' a one hour, one woman play produced by Noggín Theatre Company which toured to ten venues in Meath. Performed by Mary McEvoy of Glenroe fame, it met with a great response all over the county.

Musical Memories – a new partnership with the Education Department of the National Concert Hall, five professional musicians toured six venues in the county including nursing homes, performing for residents.

National Gallery of Ireland Outreach Talks – a variety of talks and lectures given by National Gallery lecturers across libraries in the county.

3.4.5 Meath Youth Theatre

The theatre continued in Ratoath, focusing on film and film production in 2010. Highlight of the year was an evening screening of short films made by participants and other invited youth groups from across the county and Meath first youth 'Oscar' awards!.



3.4.6 Bursaries and Awards 2010

3.4.6.1 Bi-Annual Arts Grant Scheme

This award is intended to support local arts activities and to enhance long-term development and sustainability of the arts in County Meath.

3.4.6.2 Festival Grant Scheme

This award is intended to support those arts festivals taking place in County Meath which demonstrate a commitment to quality artistic programming.

3.4.6.3 Professional Artists Development Fund

This scheme is intended to support professional arts practitioners in County Meath in the delivery of their work and in particular the development of new works.

3.4.6.4 Community Arts Award

This Award is open community groups, community organisations and schools. It aims to support groups in relation to funding for quality community arts projects that promote access and participation in the Arts by working with professional artists.

3.4.6.5 Tyrone Guthrie Centre Award

This bursary entitles the successful applicant to a residency in the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.

3.4.6.6 Going Solo

This award is intended to support final year students or recent graduates of art, living in, or from County Meath by providing them with the opportunity to hold their first solo exhibition at Solstice Arts Centre. The Award also carries a bursary of €650.

3.4.6.7 School Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme

This award aims to help develop the musical instrument resources of both primary and secondary schools in County Meath.

3.4.6.8 Tony Finnegan Memorial Award

This award is intended to assist outstanding pupils at the Meath Harp School to attend the annual festival for the Irish Harp 'An Chúirt Chruitreachta' organized by Cairde na Crúite at An Grianán, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth. Two awards are made annually.



3.5 Library Services

Performance Indicators for 2010:

Average number of public opening hours per week	
Full-time Libraries	36.13
Part-time Libraries	13.31

Total number of visits to full-time libraries
530,300

Library Stock	
Total number of items issued	519,391

Total Number of internet sessions provided – 43,172

3.5.2 Infrastructure

Advanced plans for minor extension to Navan branch library.
Advanced plans for a Cultural Centre at Ashbourne.

3.5.3 Local Studies

The Local Studies department continued its work to promote the listing and heritage of County Meath. 2010 saw the publishing of a book of poetry, Meath Anthology edited by Tom French together with Meath: Towards a History by Margaret Conway. There was a seminar organised on Aloys Fleischmann and the Oldcastle Prisoner of War Camp 1914-1918.

3.5.4 Reader Development

Internationally recognised authors including, Steve Cole and storyteller Pat Ryan headlined the annual Children's Book Festival in October. 81 events were organised with fourteen authors and three storytellers visiting the county. Over 3,000 children attended events organised by library staff making this Meath's leading cultural event for children. Over 1,200 children participated in the annual 'Summer Reading Mission' to promote reading among children and young people-. The annual Reader's and Writer's Day for adult bookclubs and reading groups around the county ,took place in Navan.

3.5.5 Other Highlights 2010

Total issues exceeded half a million for the first time.

- Automated Self-Issue and Return introduced at 4 main libraries.
- Over 2,000 children attended the Meath County Council Library and Arts Service Summer Programme in July and August.
- Opened St Patrick's Park Community Library in partnership with Meath Travellers' Workshop.



3.6 Heritage Services

3.6.1 The Making of Meath – Book on Meath’s Natural Landscape History

Meath. Written by local geologist, Robert Meehan, it tells that story, and illustrates the most striking geological sites and patterns within the county and the relationship between the land and humans, through the millennia since the Ice Age.

3.6.2 Launch of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA) Character Statements for County Meath

Launch of a series Architectural Conservation Area Character Statements for County Meath took place in Headfort School in May. Architectural Historian Kevin Mulligan gave a talk on the designed landscape of Headfort Demesne.

3.6.3 Heritage Week 2010

- Meath Heritage Office organised a number of events to celebrate Heritage Week 2010 including:
- An Evening Of Story telling of the folktales, legends and myths of County Meath
- An illustrated talk on the Architectural Character of Oldcastle
- A talk on Meath’s Gaelic Football Tradition
- Family nature activity day in Dalgan Park, Navan

3.6.4 County Meath Biodiversity Action Plan 2008-2012

Meath County Council adopted its first five year county biodiversity plan in April 2010. The plan provides a framework for the conservation of biodiversity and natural heritage at a local level. The production of a Biodiversity Action Plan is an action of the County Meath Heritage Plan 2007- 2011 and an objective the County Meath Development Plan 2007- 2013.

3.6.5 Meath Landscape and People – One Day Heritage Seminar

Meath County Council Library Service and Meath Heritage Office organised its second annual one-day heritage seminar on the 11th September 2010. Between 90 and 100 people attended, talks focused on The Schools Folklore Scheme and Meath 1937-1938; Meath in the Dindshenchas; The Meath Oral History Collection 2010; The Dictionary of Irish Biography and Collecting Oral Legends Old and New.

3.6.6 Megalithic Art Exhibition

Lost and Found a major exhibition exploring Meath’s Megalithic Art took place in partnership with Solstice Arts Centre Navan in September. The exhibition featured the prolific work by Professor George Eogan’s on Meath’s Megalithic art interlinked with the diverse work of four contemporary artists. Curated by Brian Fay, Niall de Buítléar, Fiona Hallinan, Anna MacLeod and Sabina Mac Mahon queried the modern day relation of iconic Megalithic art and sites in County Meath. A booklet entitled Meath’s Megalithic Art was published to coincide with the exhibition.

3.6.7 Action for Biodiversity

A major three year project, funded through INTERREG IVA and co-ordinated by the East Border Region Ltd, called Action for Biodiversity began in 2010. Meath Local Authorities are a partner in this project which aims to deliver a co-ordinated approach to biodiversity conservation and promotion on a cross border regional basis. The key objectives are building capacity within local authorities, raising awareness and understanding and biodiversity enhancement and conservation.



3.6.8 Trim Swift Festival 2010

The fourth Trim Swift Festival 2010 took place from the 1st to 4th July. It celebrates the life, work and legacy of Jonathon Swift including a number of events aimed at increasing knowledge and raising awareness of the cultural heritage of Trim. Alastair Campbell headlined the 2010 festival. Meath Heritage Office commissioned and published a booklet on Swift's Trim: People and Places.

3.6.9 Meath Tree Woodland and Hedgerow Survey

Meath County Council undertook a tree (including significant, mature, champion and heritage trees), woodland and significant hedgerow survey for County Meath. The survey provided baseline ecological data, including identification and mapping of type, extent and condition, for selected woodlands and hedgerows in County Meath. An illustrated report, project GIS and educational booklet and poster were produced.

4 CORPORATE SERVICES

4.1 Corporate Events

4.1.1 Launch of Road Safety Plan

Meath Co. Council published its second Road Safety Plan 2010 – 2012 and it was officially launched by Noel Dempsey, T.D. and Minister of Transport on the 28th June at Solstice Arts Centre. The objective of the Road Safety Plan is to build on the targets reached to date and to ensure that road safety underpins all transportation policy measures in the County. Meath County Council will be working in co-operation with the Gardaí, the Road Safety Authority, the NRA and the Department of Transport, to implement the Road Safety Plan. The Primary target is to reduce fatalities to no greater than 60 fatalities per million by the end of 2012 and 50 or fewer in the following years. A target is also set to reduce injuries by 15% over the same period. These targets are in line with National and EU Road Safety Strategies. There is a strong focus on raising awareness, education, and the development of new initiatives. The targets will be achieved by implementing the four elements of the Road Safety Authority's Policy Framework namely, Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Evaluation, all of which are embedded in the Plan. The actions in the Plan will also enable the meeting of targets identified in the current Road Safety Strategy.



Launch of Road Safety Plan 2010-2012

4.1.2 Presentation of Cavan Row Cottages

Meath County Council was the proud recipient of a piece of the heritage of Slane when the 8th Marquess Conyngham gifted the Cavan Row Cottages to Meath County Council on Monday 23rd August. The official handover took place in the Council Chamber in the presence of the Cathaoirleach Councillor Ann Dillon-Gallagher, the County Manager and members of the Slane Historical Society. The members of the Slane Historical society were delighted when Lord Henry announced a gift of €5000 to the society to assist with the development of the project. The 18th century artisan cottages, built for employees of the Slane Castle, are in a prime location and mark the starting point of the recently launched Slane Heritage Trail to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Slane as a built estate village.



Cathaoirleach Ann Dillon-Gallagher, Cllr. Wayne Harding, Tom Dowling, Co. Manager
And members of the Conyngnam family, Slane Castle

4.2 Higher Education Grants

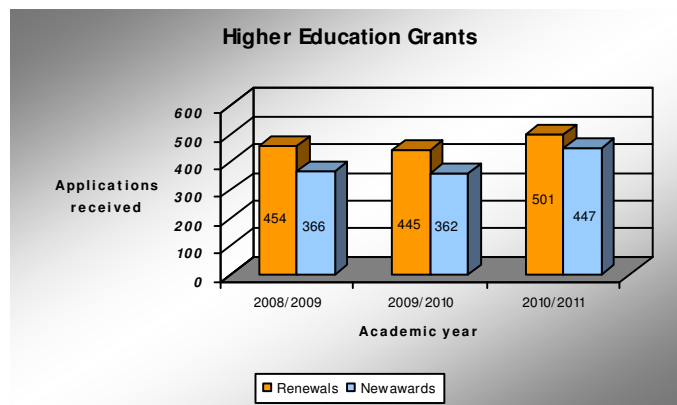
In 2010, Meath County Council assisted students under the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 Higher Education Grants Schemes.

In excess of 1328 applications were submitted to Meath County Council for Higher Education Grants in 2010 in respect of the 2010/2011 academic year. Following assessment in accordance with the terms of the 2010 Higher Education Grant Scheme a total of 447 new applications and 501 renewal applications were approved. Meath County Council also paid the 'Special Rate of Maintenance Grant' (Top-Up Grant) to 176 students for the 2010/2011 academic year.

The value of a full grant under the 2010 Scheme was €3,250. Non tuition/Registration Fees covered under the Scheme were €1,500. Overall expenditure in 2010 relating to Higher Education grants totalled €4.9m approx. All grants/fees paid to students, are recoupable from the Department of Education and Skills with the exception of a fixed contribution of €14,045.55. The Council administration costs are not recoupable. The following are the categories of grant payable under the Grant Scheme:

- Full Maintenance and Full Fees
- Part Maintenance (75%) and Full Fees
- Part Maintenance (50%) and Full Fees
- Part Maintenance (25%) and Full Fees
- Part Tuition fees only

Statistics on applications awarded for the last 3 years are as follows:





4.2 Register of Electors

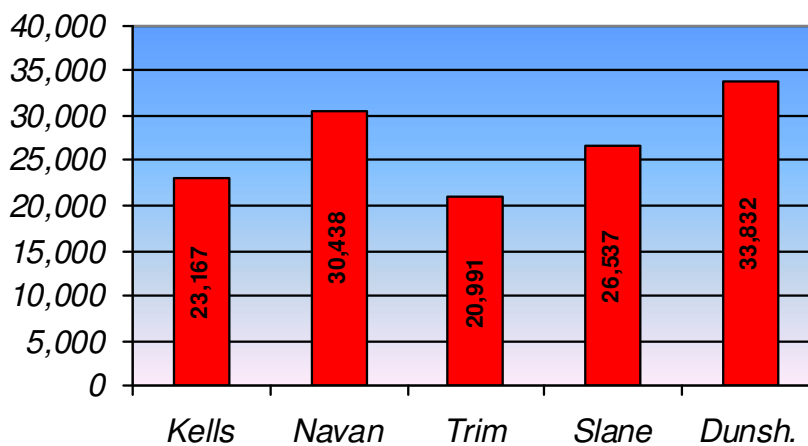
To capture information and manage the quality control, publication and distribution of the Register of Electors, in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act.

The Register of Electors was published in February 2010 and showed a voting population as follows:

Dail Electors	131,256
Presidential Electors	129,681
European Electors	132,883
Local Electors	134,965
Postal Voters	404

The chart below gives a breakdown of Local Electors by Electoral Area:

Register of Electors 2010/2011



A new Polling Scheme, which will take effect on 15th February 2011, was made by the Council on 4th October 2010 in accordance with the Electoral Act 1992 as amended and the Electoral (Polling Scheme) Regulations 2005. This Scheme is the basis on which the Polling Districts (Registers) are compiled and it specifies a polling place in each case.



4.3 Freedom of Information

Meath County Council continues to ensure that anyone who has a proper interest in receiving information has access to that information through the Freedom of Information (FoI) Acts 1997 & 2003.

Records made available under the Freedom of Information Act, are those records not already available under alternative legislation and applies to all local authority records created after 21st October 1998.

The following are the 2010 statistics relating to Freedom of Information Requests:

Applications Received	49
Carried Forward from 2009	0
Total	49
No. of requests granted/part granted	38
No. of requests refused	5
Requests transferred	0
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	1
Live cases at end of 2010	6
No of Internal Reviews	1
No. of Appeals to the Information Commissioner	0

4.4 Health and Safety

Meath Local Authorities continued its commitment to the continual improvement of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work in terms of a safe place of work, a reduction in occupational injury and illness and to encouraging personal responsibility. The Senior Management Team actively promotes the implementation of good workplace Safety and Health practices which are implemented by line management in each section and area. Meath Local Authorities continues to commit resources to improving Safety and Health. The Organisation's core objective is "the provision of a Safe and Healthy working environment."

During 2010, the Council's pursuit of excellence in the area of Occupational Safety and Health was recognised in achieving the award of "Best Local Authority" in the National Irish Safety Organisation Awards (NISO).

The Council continued to actively engage with the Local Authority Safety Advisors Group (LASAG) with the Council represented at Committee level (Group Secretary). The purpose of the group is to address issues that are pertinent to all local authorities in order to develop a consistent approach by all local authorities. The Council was also active on a number of National Safety and Health Working Groups.

4.4.1 Safety & Health Training

The Safety and Health Training Programme was undertaken. A number of courses were run in-house by Meath Local Authorities' employees, thus saving the Organisation money and developed in-house competencies. Some of the training courses held included:

- Abrasive Wheels
- Chlorine Handling
- Confined Space
- Dealing with Difficult behaviour
- Driver CPC
- Employee Safety Handbook
- Fire Warden
- Lone Worker System
- Manual Handling
- Signing, Lighting and Guarding



Mary O' Rourke T.D. presenting the NISO Occupational Award to Kevin Stewart, Director of Services

4.5 Junior Achievement

During the academic year 2009/2010, eight employees undertook training as business volunteers and taught Junior Achievement programmes to over 315 students in St. Oliver Plunkett N.S., Scoil Naomh Eoin, St. Joseph's Secondary School and Beaufort College, all in Navan. Other participating schools included Athboy community College and Scoil na hInse, Laytown. The volunteers brought their enthusiasm and professional into the classrooms encouraging and inspiring students about the kind of career they too can aspire to by setting goals and focusing on the future.



2010 Junior Achievement Volunteers with Kevin Stewart, Director of Services and Della Clancy, and Kim Doherty from Junior Achievement Ireland



5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

5.1 Economic Development

A number of important major projects were advanced during 2010 including preliminary work on the development of a deep water port near Gormanstown for Breamore Ireland Port and the construction of phase two of the Navan to Dublin rail line. These two nationally significant projects will form the core work of the Economic Development Unit in 2011.

The Director of Economic Development & Innovation sits on the County Development Board Economic Sub-Committee (Meath Economic Forum) and worked through-out the year with the other state agencies and social partners to develop "**A Study of the Skills and Training Needs for County Meath**" which has just been completed. This study will inform the various agencies of the training and upskilling requirements for the county and will be the basis for the development of training programmes for 2011 and beyond. The development of a dedicated training centre available for multi agency use remains a priority.

The Economic Development Unit acted as the lead agency in preparing the draft Economic Strategy for inclusion in the Regional Planning Guidelines for the GDA which was adopted during the year. Work is now progressing on the development of an action plan arising from these adopted guidelines.

Meath Around the World, a website which encourages and supports interaction between Meath business people was launched during the year and the numbers using the site are steadily growing. Further development work on this site is necessary and will be carried out in 2011. Additional Meath ambassadors will be recruited during the year to promote the site at home and abroad.

The Economic Development and Innovation Unit partnered with The Meath Chronicle, Alltech and other local businesses to promote the **Meath Business and Tourism Awards 2010**. This proved to be a very successful initiative with an excess of 200 local companies entering and the awards were presented in early November at a well attended function in Dunboyne Castle Hotel. This feedback from this initiative has been very positive and it provided an opportunity to showcase the many excellent Meath based businesses that are continuing to thrive, innovate and change despite the economic difficulties we all face. It is intended, subject to the availability of funding, to participate in this initiative in 2011.

Work is continuing on preparations for The 2011 Solheim Cup which will be held in Killeen Castle in September 2011. The Council and Meath Tourism have key roles to play in the successful running of this event.



6 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Strategic Objective

To support and promote the clean, safe and healthy environment, for present and future generations.

Core Activities

- To manage waste in an integrated and sustainable manner in accordance with best practice
- To improve water quality in line with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive
- To raise environmental awareness and encourage sustainable actions
- To maintain excellence in the delivery of Fire & Emergency Services
- To ensure compliance with environmental standards
- To adopt and implement the Waste Management Plan for the North-East Region
- To minimise the impact of development on receiving waters by implementing a comprehensive monitoring regime, and identifying and eliminating potential pollution threats

6.1 North East Region Waste Management Plan

The requirements of the Waste Management Plan 2005 – 2010 are being addressed by the North East Region Waste Management Steering Committee (Counties Meath, Louth, Monaghan & Cavan). The Committee commenced the process of revising the regional Waste Management Plan in September 2010. This process involves an extensive data gathering exercise, two periods of public consultation, as well as strategic policy decisions in terms of the future of waste management in the North East Region. On the basis of the EU Waste Framework Directive the revised regional Waste Management Plan must be in place by 31st December 2012. The Council continues to have an unfunded capital deficit in connection with the remediation of the former Basketstown landfill. Further capital expenditure will be required on the site such as in connection with the gas collection and flaring system. Ongoing annual revenue monitoring costs of €500,000 continue to be incurred in relation to compliance with the EPA licence on the former landfill.

6.2 Waste Complaints and Enforcement

Waste Management Permits and Certificates of Registration and Sewerage Sludge Facility Certificates of Registration issued in 2010

In 2010 the following are the statistics for both Waste Management Permits and Certificates of Registration and Sewerage Sludge Facility Certificates of Registration

Waste Management Permits		Certificates of Registration	
Applications received	15	Applications received	3
Granted	13	Granted	2
Refused	0	Refused	0
Withdrawn	0	Withdrawn	0
Complete	0	Complete	0
Incomplete	3	Incomplete	2
Under consideration	4	Under consideration	0

Sewerage Sludge Facility Certificate of Registration	
Applications received	9
Granted	0
Refused	0
Withdrawn	0
Complete	0
Incomplete	9
Under consideration	0

There are currently 44 Waste Management Permits in operation in Co. Meath.



Waste Collection Permits issued 2010

Meath County Council is the nominated authority for the North East Region (Counties Meath, Louth, Cavan & Monaghan). Part of its function as nominated authority is the processing of waste collection permits. There are currently 448 active collection permits in the North East Region.

In 2010 the following statistics apply for *Waste Collection Permits*:

Applications received	27
Withdrawn	0
Refused	1
Revoked	138
Total no. Granted	23
Under Consideration	3
Reviews in year	6

6.3 Litter Pollution

In 2010 the Council continued its vigorous campaign in its effort to combat the scourge of illegal dumping. This effort will be further stepped up in 2011.

The following is a breakdown of enforcement measures adopted during 2010:

No of reports investigated	925
On the spot fines issued	637
On the spot fines paid	364
Total no of convictions 2010	16

The Council has installed CCTV systems at a number of litter black-spot locations throughout the county. A large number of fines were issued during 2010 and a numerous prosecutions have been taken. This has proven very successful in combating litter pollution. The Council is now in the course of extending CCTV operations to other bring-banks and litter 'black-spots' in order to enforce compliance with the Litter Pollution Act. This will form part of an innovative anti-litter/illegal dumping campaign through-out 2011.

6.4 Meath Civic Amenity Sites – Trim, Navan and Kells

The county's three civic amenity sites, supported by the countywide network of bring centres is contributing positively to recycling levels, though illegal dumping at some bring banks remains a concern. In late 2010 the Council tendered the operation of the three Civic Amenity Sites (contract to be awarded in 2011). The search for a suitable site in the south-east of the county for an additional civic amenity site continued in 2010.



6.5. Water

6.5.1. EU Water Framework Directive

Most recent WFD interim report states that only 17% of water-bodies within functional area of Meath are compliant with WFD standards which must be achieved by 2015. In this regard there are three River Basin Management Plans relating to the functional area of Co. Meath namely the Eastern, the Shannon and the Neagh-Bann International River Basin District Management Plans.

The Plans have identified what significant water management issues are within each specific catchment and details proposed solutions to these issues in the form of proposed measures. The objective of the plan is to restore all waters namely river, lake, groundwater, transitional and coastal waters to "good status" i.e., unpolluted by 2015.

The Council adopted the 'Eastern River Basin District Plan' in October 2009 as well as the Neagh-Bann & Shannon International River Basin District Plans in April 2010. The implementation of these plans will have significant resource implications for the Council. However the plans, when implemented, will have a very positive effect on water bodies throughout the majority of Co. Meath.

6.5.2 River Monitoring

There are 114 designated Water Framework Directive (WFD) monitoring sites resulting in a total of 684 river samples collected and tested in 2010. The river monitoring programme directs where investigative surveys, including farm surveys are carried out so as to ensure the Council can maximise use of resources.

This is proving to be very effective. Investigative monitoring was carried out in catchments with poor water quality. All findings were highlighted in a number of reports which are been followed up by water enforcement personnel.

6.5.3 Bathing

Water

The Council samples two bathing water area's namely Bettystown and Mornington. Bettystown is a designated bathing water area. Bathing water quality at Mornington was also found to be of a very high condition and the Council has subsequently received a Green Coast Award.

6.5.4 Urban Wastewater

The Council carried out 346 inspections of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants (MWWTP's) in 2010. All MWWTP's are sampled in accordance with the urban wastewater regulations and results submitted to the DoEHLG in the form of an annual return.

Trade Effluent Discharge Licences 2010:

There are currently 58 discharge licences for discharges to waters and 20 discharge licences for discharges to sewers. There are 18 discharge licences currently under review.

Section 4		Section 16	
Applications received	2	Application received	2
Granted	0	Granted	0
Refused	0	Refused	1
Invalidated	1	Under consideration	5
Under consideration	9		



6.5.4 Farm Surveys

The Council carried out 127 farm surveys in 2010. Farm surveys were carried out where they were deemed to be a risk of pollution to waters. All farm surveys are recorded on a farm survey report form and are mapped for re-inspections.

6.5.5 Enforcement

In 2010 the Council served 38 'Section 12' water pollution notices. 29 of these pollution notices were served in relation to pollution from agriculture, 6 on relation to trade effluent and 3 in relation to septic tanks.

6.6 Control of Dogs

Under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986 and 1992 all dogs and Guard Dog Kennels must be licensed, except those used wholly for official duties by the Garda Síochána, Defence Forces and Custom & Excise Service. All dog owners must have a licence for their dog. All dogs must be kept under proper control and dog owners are advised to clean up after their dogs.

The Meath County Council Dog Pound is located at Rathmaiden, Slane, Co. Meath. The Council's Dog Warden impounded 581 stray and unwanted dogs in 2010. 102 dogs were reunited with their owners and 409 were re-homed by the pound. Much of this success is due to the Dog Pound website which is updated daily with details of dogs brought to the pound for re-homing or reuniting with owners.

No of licences issued: 3681

No of general licences: 6 (10 dogs or more)

No of fines issued: 12

6.7 Derelict Sites

The following is a table showing the position regarding the Derelict Sites Register as at 31st December 2010.

Area	Total DS Files '10 (09)	Awaiting Assessment	Works/complete	Awaiting Review Inspection	Warn Issued	Letter or Report	11 Notice issued	S8(2) Notice Issued	Referred for Action	Alt' DS Levy
Kells TC	55 (52)	4 (4)	35 (29)	1 (13)	2 (1)	0 (0)	4 (1)	0 (0)	8	
Kells Area	46 (40)	0 (5)	32 (30)	2 (2)	12 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0	
Navan TC	50 (21)	0 (0)	14 (2)	0 (14)	2 (2)	17 (3)	17 (0)	0 (0)	0	
Navan Area	16 (14)	0 (0)	12 (11)	1 (1)	1 (0)	1 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	
Trim Area	46 (37)	1 (6)	28 (24)	3 (3)	12 (4)	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0	
Slane Area	73 (68)	4 (4)	55 (41)	9 (13)	3 (6)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (3)	1	
Dunshaughlin Area	40 (30)	1(7)	26 (14)	8 (2)	4 (6)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1	
Trim TC	13 (0)	0	0	0	12	0	0	1		
Totals	339 (262)	10 (26)	202 (151)	24 (48)	48 (21)	21 (3)	22 (2)	2 (5)	10 (6)	



6.8 Amenities Grants

The Council provides assistance to residents associations and community groups in order to improve their local environment with a special emphasis on litter abatement. Examples of works included are: provision and maintenance of green areas; improvement of derelict areas; provision of flower beds, shrubs, trees etc.; improvement of green areas, walls, fencing on approach roads; improvements to areas of historical nature and improvement of public walkways/canal banks. The Council issued 202 Amenities Grants in 2010.

6.9 Lawnmower and Strimmer Grants

The Council provides a contribution to residents associations and community groups towards the purchase of a new lawnmower or strimmer to be used to maintain open spaces and green areas in their locality. Grants are issued on receipt of proof of purchase. 44 lawnmower/strimmer grants were issued in 2010.

6.10 General Monitoring and Enforcement

General ongoing monitoring and enforcement in relation to the following sets of regulations continued throughout 2010: Waste Management (Tyres and Waste Tyres), Regulations 2007; WEEE Regulations 2005; Waste Management (Farm Plastics) Regulations 2001; Waste Management (Packaging) Regulations 2007; Waste Battery Regulations; and Display Energy Certificates. Notable activity in relation to same was as follows:

Solvent Regulations: the Council certified 9 operators (all dry cleaners) to be in compliance with the regulations.

Waste Management (Landfill Levy) Regulations 2008 – S.I. No. 199 of 2008: As of 31st December 2009, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government increased the landfill levy to €25 per tonne for each tonne of waste disposed of at authorised landfill facilities (Waste Management (Landfill Levy) Amendment Regulations 2009). This was subsequently amended by the Waste Management (Landfill Levy) Amendment Regulations 2010 which increased the landfill levy to €30 per tonne for each tonne of waste disposed of at authorised landfill levy sites. This increase came into effect on the 1st February 2010.

Deco Paints Directive: there are 27 certified VOC users registered with the Council.

6.11 Air

6.11.1 Air Licensing

There are currently 14 air emission licence holders in Co. Meath. In 2010 the Council granted 1 new air licence.

6.11.2 Complaints

The Council received 82 air related complaints in 2010 of which 52 were investigated and resolved. The majority of the complaints received related to back yard burning of domestic waste.

6.12 Noise

The Council received **25** complaints in relation to noise in 2010. The number of noise complaints is increasing substantially each year. Under Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, any person can take a case to the District Court for nuisance caused by noise pollution. This section was specifically set-out in order to allow an individual or family to gain quick access to the District Court in the event of them having difficulties with neighbours under the heading of noise and disturbance.

6.13 Civil Defence

Civil Defence is a volunteer based humanitarian organisation dedicated to alleviating suffering in time of crisis. Civil Defence is administered by the local authority on behalf of the government and is 70% grant aided by the Civil Defence Board. Volunteers also provide a back up to the emergency services and a community support role at local and national events.

Meath County Council Civil Defence operates eight centre based training units throughout the county. There are currently in excess of two hundred and twenty volunteer members actively involved in training and providing community service at these centres which are located at Ashbourne, Duleek, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Kells, Navan, Oldcastle and Trim.

Civil Defence is an accredited training organisation by the Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC), the Occupational First Aid Assessment Agent (OFAAA) who oversees the standards applicable to First Aid training and pre-hospital care of injured persons and by FETAC for its training programmes.

2010 was a very active year for Civil Defence volunteers in Co. Meath. Six volunteer instructors successfully completed an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course during the year and a further twelve volunteers



commenced the EMT course in the latter part of 2010. Co. Meath hosted the finals of the National Civil Defence competitions in October where seven teams from across the country who had qualified through regional competitions competed for the national title. The Co. Cavan team was the overall winner in what was described as the most challenging competition in recent years. A total of eighty volunteers from Co. Meath were involved in running the event which was held in the Gormanston area.

During the severe weather in December Civil Defence volunteers were involved over twenty one days providing assistance to individuals and communities across the county with water deliveries, deliveries of medication, snow clearance from streets, assistance with meals-on-wheels deliveries and transport of public health nurses to visit vulnerable patients.

During the year the organisation acquired a new 4 x 4 vehicle from the Civil Defence Board enhancing the organisations capability for off-road transport and operational activity.

6.14 Fire and Rescue Service

Meath County Council as Fire Authority is responsible for the provision of a fire and emergency service for Co. Meath, including the three town councils – Navan, Trim & Kells. Meath County Council Fire Service operates primarily under the provisions of the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, as well as other legislation such as the Building Control Act 2007, the Building Control Regulations 1997 - 2009, the Building Regulations 1997 – 2009, the Dangerous Substances Regulations 1979, the Ease of Escape Regulations 1985, and the Licensing of Indoor Events Act 2003.

6.14.1 Fire Operations

Fire Service Headquarters is based at the central fire station on Abbey Road, Navan. There are six other stations located throughout the county i.e. Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Kells, Nobber, Oldcastle and Trim. Meath County Council Fire Service provides a first line response to all types of emergencies across Co. Meath – this includes

- Fires in domestic/ commercial/ industrial/ assembly premises
- Forestry/ bog/ grassland fires
- Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs)
- Emergency ambulance assists
- Flooding
- River rescues
- Environmental hazard emergencies
- Hazardous chemical incidents
- Special Service incidents

Other training completed by Meath County Council Fire-fighters in 2010 included:

- Initial Breathing Apparatus Wearers Course - 5 new Fire-fighter recruits successfully completed this course;
- Breathing Apparatus Refresher training;
- Compartment Fire Behaviour Training - all Meath County Council Fire-fighters have completed this training (CFBT Refresher training will commence in 2011);
- Cardiac First Responder (AED) and Emergency First Responder training;
- Pump Operator training;
- Fire Services Council training – Road Traffic Accident Course, Hazardous Materials Course, Unit 1 Sub-Officer Course;
- Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) training also commenced for all Fire-fighters in 2010 and this will be ongoing for the next 2 – 3 years;

6.14.2 Fire Prevention

Nationally the Fire Service has undergone major changes in the past ten to twenty years. It has moved from the traditional role of extinguishing fires and rescuing persons & property to the additional role of preventing fires and ensuring by fire safety engineering the reduction of deaths, injuries and loss of property. The Fire Service has a central role in relation to fire safety standards in the design of new and existing buildings and in relation to the fire safety aspects of the day to day use of buildings to which the public have access. Fire prevention measures include:

- Granting or refusal of Fire Safety Certificates. All developments other than private housing are obliged to apply for a fire safety certificate from the Fire Authority. A Commencement Notice must then be submitted to the Planning Section of Meath County Council prior to the



- commencement of the development. A register of Commencement Notices and Fire Safety Certificates are maintained by the local authority;
- Planning applications are assessed for fire safety requirements and reports are then submitted to the Council's Planning Section;
 - A programme of fire safety inspections is carried out on licensed premises as well as for larger events such as outdoor concerts and festivals;
 - Annual Dance/Restaurant/Club license renewal inspections carried out in Aug/Sep/Oct;
 - Petroleum Licence Applications under the Dangerous Substances Act, 1979;
 - Community Fire Safety, which includes visits to community groups, national fire safety week (October each year), the annual Meath Co. Co. Christmas week safety programme and annual visits to all of the primary schools under the national Fire Services Change Programme - in 2010 more than 100 primary schools across Co. Meath were visited by fire service personnel in delivery of the national Primary Schools Fire Safety Programme.

6.14.3 New Equipment

2 new Fire Appliances funded by the DoEHLG at a cost of approx €600,000 were delivered to Navan Fire Station & Ashbourne Fire Station in 2010. These vehicles conform to all national & international standards for Fire and Rescue appliances and are part of the continuing process to upgrade the Fire Service fleet. The appliances have greatly assisted fire-fighting & rescue operations in the county.

6.14.4 Proposed new Offices for Navan Fire Station

Following DoEHLG approval to provide permanent administrative accommodation at Fire Station headquarters in Navan Fire Station, the Architectural Section of Fingal County Council was appointed as Consultants for this project. These offices are to replace the current temporary office facilities at the Navan Fire Station and to provide essential offices & facilities for Fire Service staff.



Fire Statistics – 2010

	Navan	Duns	Ashb	Trim	Kells	Oldc.	Nobber	Total
Domestic Buildings:								
Chimney Fire In Houses	35	13	3	53	34	10	9	157
Other House Fires	38	13	11	21	10	4	5	102
Apartments, Flats and Bedsitters	8	0	1	2	1	1	0	13
Caravans/Mobile Homes	2	0	0	6	0	1	0	9
Institutions:	1							1
Schools/hospitals/other.	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	8
Industrial:	8	2			2			12
Factories	7	0	0	7	0	0	3	17
Commercial:								0
Shops, Supermarkets	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Restaurants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels Guesthouses/Boarding Houses	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	5
Service:								0
Public Houses	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Restaurants	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Places of Public entertainemnt (discos/cinema's)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	19							19
Motor Vehicles	34	16	13	15	14	5	4	101
Petrol Stations & Garages	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Unoccupied Buildings	16	2	4	3	3	0	0	28
Agricultural Buildings	7	3	3	3	4	0	3	23
Forest/Bog/Grass, etc.	49	8	23	33	15	10	2	140
Outdoor Storage	23	2	9	7	4	3	1	49
Outdoor Rubbish	36	14	1	9	14	2	0	76
Miscellaneous	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	7
Total Fires 2010	291	81	77	162	102	37	29	747
False Alarm Incidents								0
1. Malicious	16	2	11	9	8	0	0	46
2. Good Intent	99	35	43	32	12	1	1	223
Total False Alarms	115	37	54	41	20	1	1	269
Special Services								0
Road Traffic Accidents	39	32	31	11	19	6	11	149
Water Pumping Flooding	20	3	2	3	4	9	0	41
Hazardous Subs	6	2	1	4	1	2	1	17
Other Non-Fire Rescues	2	2	3	5	0	4	1	17
Miscellaneous:	12	6	11	11	1	6	5	52
Total Special Services	79	45	48	34	25	27	18	276
TOTALS	485	163	179	237	147	65	48	1324



7.0 HOUSING

Despite the many challenges presented by the prevailing economic circumstances and including reduced allocations for Capital projects generally, the Housing Department of Meath County Council advanced a number projects in 2010 from an overall Capital allocation of just over €17.845 million.

Because of the changed budgetary circumstances the Social Housing Investment Programme continued with a focus on social housing supply through an expanded suite of non-construction supply options including Social Leasing and the Rental Accommodation Scheme. In tandem with this shift in focus an increased emphasis continued to be placed on the management and improvement of the existing stock of local authority owned dwellings.

The Housing Department continued the programme of upgrading of the Housing stock in 2010 and endeavouring to bring them up to modern building standards, including the retrofitting of void houses and providing energy upgrades in accordance with a new funding scheme announced by the Department. The upgrading process also involved the installation of fire blankets in all the rented stock. The programme also involved the carrying out of works on vacant houses in need of substantial repair and with a view to having them available for quick re-letting.

The housing stock in the county stood at 2,824 units at the end of the year with an average occupancy rate of 97%

The following activities took place in the Housing Department in 2010:

- Completion of the Headfort Grove Remedial Works Scheme in Kells and involving the construction of 21 new Social Houses.
 - The substantial completion of a Community Resource building in Windtown Navan which will ensure a focal point for the community and it will help to address the challenges of social exclusion and disadvantage, estate management and community participation.
 - The purchase of 29 houses for allocation to social housing applicants under the Social Housing Investment Acquisition programme.
 - Three new Rural Cottages completed and refurbishment works on 70 existing Rural Cottages commenced.
 - A contract was signed for the Townparks Remedial Works Scheme in Navan. However, the contracted with the successful tenderer had to be terminated due to non compliance with the conditions of the contract.
 - Remedial works for St Martins Park Halting Site Trim commenced and involving the replacement of the traditional bay structures with 14 conventional houses.
 - In excess of €1.8million was paid out to over 200 housing grant applicants under the following schemes – Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aids Grant.
 - Approval received for 5 projects in Navan and Drogheda initiated by Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme and involving the provision of 16 units in total to people who are on the Councils Housing waiting list. The funding is to cater for accommodation for people with special housing needs including the Homeless, Older people requiring sheltered housing, and persons with disabilities.
 - Approval received in respect of special needs accommodation project in Kilmainhamwood under the Capital Assistance Scheme.
 - The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009
- A number of provisions of the 2009 Act were enacted in 2010 including
- The establishment of Homeless Forums and the preparation of Homelessness Action Plans on a Regional basis. Meath, Kildare and Wicklow were grouped together to form the Mid East Regional Homeless Forum and a Homelessness Action Plan was adopted in May 2010.
 - The Adoption of an Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy in respect of the Councils Housing stock.
 - The provision of a Legislative basis for the Rental Accommodation Scheme
 - The Introduction of a New Incremental Purchase Scheme to facilitate the purchase of new Local Authority houses by existing tenants or applicants from the Social Housing waiting lists.

7.1 *Social Housing Leasing Initiative*

In 2009 the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government (DOELG) launched the Social Housing Leasing initiative. The introduction of leasing as a form of social housing provision represents a widening of the options for increasing the supply of social housing. Leasing introduces greater flexibility in the composition of the housing stock and provides the opportunity for housing authorities to benefit from market conditions to increase output and meet housing need in a cost effective manner. This initiative promotes the Delivering Homes & Sustaining Communities policy of achieving mixed –income /mixed tenure communities at appropriate densities and occupancy rates and avoiding social concentrations. The initiative provides for three forms of Leasing:

1. Local Authorities leasing properties from private property owners for periods of 10-20 years.
2. Approved Housing Bodies leasing from property owners, purchasing on the market or constructing properties and making them available for social housing provision through direct payment and availability Agreements with the DOEHLG
3. Local Authorities temporarily utilising unsold affordable housing stock.

Meath County Council is undertaking a pilot project under Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) for 10 units at Knightsbridge, Trim Retirement Village with Tuath Housing Association. In addition, the Council received Expressions of Interest from 5 approved housing bodies for leasing arrangements for 10 schemes in various



locations around the county in 2010. There is increasing priority to progress Leasing as a viable housing option in 2011.

7.2 Rental Accommodation Scheme

The Rental Accommodation Scheme is for people receiving rent supplement (usually over 18 months) and assessed by the Housing Authority as having a long term housing need. RAS provides Housing Authorities with an additional option for meeting the accommodation needs of such people. The Local Authority secures accommodation for the rent supplement recipients and makes arrangements with private landlords for long or short term leases.

It is considered that in the current economic climate that this scheme will play a major role going forward in addressing the housing accommodation needs of people and Meath County Council are actively promoting the scheme and with a particular focus on addressing the needs of single people currently living in poor quality private rented accommodation.

The RAS Unit began operations in 2007 and continued to develop in 2010. The total number of transfers made in 2010 was 72 with 46 private rented transfers and 26 Voluntary Body transfers.

By the end of 2010, a total of 162 tenants have been transferred to RAS.

A review of landlord contracts and rental agreements was completed during the year which resulted in considerable rent savings.

As part of the assessment of Rent Supplement tenants for RAS, an inspection of their private rented accommodation under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2008 is also carried out. A total of 148 inspections were carried out in the county during 2010.

7.3 Affordable Housing

At 31st December 2007 Meath County Council anticipated the delivery of 1260 Affordable Homes during the period 2008/2010 through the implementation of Part V of the Local Government Planning and Development Act 2000. These units were estimated to cost in excess of €123m which represented the Council's financial exposure if it failed to sell on these homes to affordable purchasers.

An aggressive multi-faceted programme of activity was initiated to dispose of affordable homes and to reduce Meath County Council's indebtedness arising from its implementation of Part V. This intensive programme of activity involving inter alia, re-negotiation of Part V agreements, subsidising the cost of houses, revising the Housing Strategy, and the transfer of units to social and leasing/RAS use has reduced the numbers of units on hand to 14 at 31st December 2010. The Council secured sales on 22 Affordable units in 2010.

7.4 Homelessness

Meath County Council provides a service for those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. Individuals and families with complex needs such as dual diagnosis disability/mental health diagnoses, drug addiction, alcohol dependence, paedophilia and other issues are all dealt with in conjunction with relevant HSE departments. 2 Outreach /Resettlement workers are employed by the Council to deal with incidences of Homelessness.

Over 350 people presented as being homeless in 2010. As a result 98 adults and 26 children were provided with short term accommodation by the Council.

7.5 Traveller Accommodation

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2009-2013 was adopted by Meath County Council in April 2009.

This sets out the 4 year strategy in relation to the programme and type of accommodation to be provided for travellers. The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee meets on a quarterly basis and will monitor the progress achieved in relation to targets set out in the plan.

Remedial works for St. Martin's Park Halting site commenced with the replacement of the traditional bay structures with 14 conventional houses.

The annual count completed in November 2010 showed that there were 319 Traveller families living in Meath.



8 HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Staff

Year	Staff Numbers	Full Time Equivalent
2010	808	669.82
2009	833	713.20
2008	939	812.69

Sick Leave 2010 (Working Days lost to sickness absence)	Percentage
Certified Sick Leave	4.32
Uncertified Sick Leave	0.64

Expenditure on Training & Development as percentage of payroll costs	4.08%
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9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2010 has been an extremely busy and productive year for Information Systems. Despite a reduction in staff numbers, major initiatives have been completed or are well under way, many of which have achieved significant cost savings for the council while also improving services.

Key Achievements:

- **HR & Payroll System**
Phase 1 implementation of a new HR & Payroll System was completed, with Payroll and Time & Attendance for outdoor staff, along with a new Superannuation module.
- **ePayments**
An electronic payments system was introduced with the initial service being Rents. This will be extended to various council services to facilitate customers.
- **Online Services**
Among the additions and improvements to our online presence, particularly noteworthy were:
 - www.meatharoundtheworld.ie – a networking site tying together people interested in business in Meath from around the world
 - www.solheimcupmeath.ie – a site dedicated to the 2011 Solheim Cup in Killeen Castle
 - www.meathcommunities.ie – this new portal ties together community groups throughout the county
 - Twitter.com/meathcoco – this service provides news updates and was particularly useful during the severe weather conditions experienced in 2010
- **Print Management**
The roll out of a managed print service has greatly reduced print costs while improving quality and reliability.



10 INFRASTRUCTURE

10.2 Roads

10.2.1 National Roads Traversing Co. Meath

Slane By Pass	Phase IV ongoing Further Information requested by and delivered to An Bord Pleanála, Awaiting notification of Oral Hearing.
M3 Clonee North of Kells Motorway	Completed and opened on 4 th June 2010
N2 Pavement Overlay South of Slane Village	Works completed
N52 Kells Bypass	Completed
N2 Ashbourne Ardee	Constraints Project suspended
N51 Pavement Overlay at Cashel	Works completed
N52 Pavement Overlay Schemes at Mandistown, Gravelstown, Stephenstown & Newrath Little	Works completed
N51 Dunmoe Realignment	Works completed
Low Cost Safety Schemes on N2, N51 & N52	Works completed

10.2.2 Non- National Routes in Co. Meath

R161 Navan Road Trim Improvement	Works ongoing
R154 Patrickstown Oldcastle Phase 2	Works substantially completed
Connaught Street, Athboy	Works substantially completed
Kentstown Village Improvements	Works completed
Low Cost Safety Schemes on Regional & Local Roads	
Bridge Maintenance & Repair Works on Regional & Local Road	

10.2.3 Road Schemes at Planning/Design Stage

- N3/R161 (Springfield Glen to Trim Road Navan)
- N51 Dunmoe Phase 2
- R160 Trim / Longwood Road
- R157 Maynooth / Dunboyne Rd (Moygaddy)
- Kentstown Road to Boyne Road
- R150 Duleek By-pass
- R156 Dunboyne/Summerhill
- L-1601 Rosnaree
- R150 Duleek/Julianstown Phase 2 Minor Works

10.3 Water Services

Meath County Council's Water Services Programme consists of:

- Major Capital Investment Programme
- Rural Water Programme



10.3.1 Water Contracts

Navan & Mid Meath Water Supply Contract 2 - Carn Hill & Proudstown Reservoirs and Trunk Mains	€18,250,000
Navan & Mid Meath Water Supply Contract 3 – Southern Ring Main	€7,000,000
Kiltrough Water Augmentation Scheme – Stage 1 Contract 3 Civil Works	€1,700,000
Kiltrough Water Augmentation Scheme – Stage 1 Contract 4 M& E Works	€250,000
Dunshaughlin Water Supply Contract 3 Civil Works	€17,000,000
Dunshaughlin Water Supply Contract 4 M&E Works	€2,500,000
County Wide Water Conservation Project (Phase 1 and Phase 2 Complete at a cost c.€6.4m) (Phase 3 to commence in 2011 at a cost of c.€11.6m)	€18,000,000
Non-Domestic Metering Project	€5,000,000

10.3.2 Wastewater Contracts

Ashbourne/Ratoath Sewerage Scheme – Phase 2 Contract 3 Civil Works	€11,750,000
Ashbourne/Ratoath Sewerage Scheme – Phase 2 Contract 4 M&E Works	€2,750,000
Enfield Sewerage Scheme Network Upgrade Stage 2	€4,000,000
Major Grouped Wastewater Scheme DBO – Provision of Treatment Facilities at 8 locations	€32,000,000
Major Grouped Wastewater Scheme Network Contract A (sewer networks in Duleek, Donore, Kilmainhamwood and Moynalty)	€11,000,000
Major Grouped Wastewater Scheme Network Contract B (sewer networks in Athboy, Rathcairn, Rathmolyon and Summerhill)	€14,000,000



10.3.3 Schemes at Planning/Design Stage

- *Water Schemes:*

Navan & Mid Meath Water Supply Scheme
Contracts 4, 5 & 7

Kells / Oldcastle Water Supply Scheme

County Wide Water Conservation Project
Phase 3 – Rehabilitation

(Water main replacement at a cost of €11.6m to be undertaken through a number of contracts)

- *Wastewater Schemes:*

Ashbourne/Ratoath/Kilbride Sewerage Scheme
Contract 5 Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation

Oldcastle Sewerage Scheme

Kells Sewerage Scheme



11 PLANNING

Strategic Objective

To operate a system of physical planning within sustainable patterns of settlement which facilitates and provides the impetus for economic development in County Meath, whilst at all times fostering protection of the natural and built environment in the county

11.1 Organisational Change

The Community Department is now co-located with the Planning Department at its Abbey Road Offices. Heritage and Conservation services have been assimilated into the Planning Function
Following completion of the Local Area Plans resources were redeployed to the Regional Planning guideline review, and preparatory works for the 2011 review of the County development Plan . Staff working in the Development Management function were also deployed to Enforcement and Financial compliance functions. The Planning Department also invested staff resources in preparing for a major review of the Quarry sector following publication of the Planning and Development Act 2010.

11.2 Development Management

The Planning Department has noted a 28% reduction in the number of planning applications received in 2010.

Category	Applications determined	% Grants	% Refusal	Number of cases confirmed by An Bord Plenala	No of cases Reversed by An Bord Pleanala
Housing Dev'	18	50	50	3	2
Ind' House	247	78.14	21.86	4	2
Other	810	82.1	17.9	23	15
Requiring EIS	13	84.62	15.38	2	1

11.3 Major Planning Applications received or determined during 2010 included:

- School facilities at:
- Stameen Trim Ballivor Dunshaughlin Julianstown Ratoath Drumbaragh Oldcastle Longwood Clonard Enfield Donore Mulhussey Cortown Skryne Laytown Nobber Oristown Drumconrath Bettystown Kentstown
- Sporting facilities at:
- Navan Ballinacree Skryne Laytown Kells Ashbourne Dunshaughlin East Meath Ratoath and Athboy
- Energy and recycling facilities in Summerhill Duleek Kinnegad Summerhill and Bullstown
- Housing developments at Ashbourne Julianstown Athboy Dunshaughlin Enfield Longwood Donore Drumconrath
- A nursing home in Kildalkey
- Specialist Health Services in Stamullen
- An extension to Tara Mines underground operations
- Warehousing in Curragha



Application profile

Outline Permission	9
Approvals	4
Permission	1259
Retention	154
Extension of Duration	21

11.4 Strategic Infrastructure Developments

Meath Co Council performed its statutory function in respect of the following applications under the Strategic Infrastructure Act

- Eirgrid 400KV Meath Tyrone line: Oral Hearing
- Eirgrid East West Inter-connector Skerries to Batterstown: Revision
- Greenstar Knockharley extension to Landfill : pre planning
- Navan Dublin Rail: pre planning discussions prior to Rail Order proposal

11.5 Development Contributions Scheme

€6.9M was receipted in Development Contributions during 2010, representing an 8% decrease on the amount collected in 2009.

11.6 Planning and Economic Development SPC

The Planning & Economic Development SPC met on 4 occasions and considered the following policy related issues;

- The Draft Rural House Design Guide
- The Draft Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation area plan
- An Bord Pleanála decisions on significant development proposals
- The Taking in charge of Residential Estates
- Policy issues for inclusion in the County Development Plan Review
- Development Contributions incentives

The SPC also received presentations on:

- The Regional Planning guidelines
- Flood Risk Assessment.
- Planning & Development Act 2010.
- Core Strategy.

11.7 Enforcement of Planning Control

There was significant additional enforcement activity undertaken in 2010, as a result of the deployment of additional staff resources to this area. There was a 40% increase in the number of residential housing estates taken in charge by Meath local authorities

Meath Local Authorities investigated 644 complaints of unauthorized development and non compliance with Conditions of Planning Permissions in 2010.

575 warning letters and 207 enforcement notices were issued on foot of those investigations.

33 cases were referred to the courts.

31 residential estates were taken in charge



11.8 Pre-planning and Advisory Services

This initiative serves to improve the quality of subsequent planning applications, avoids the necessity for seeking further information where possible and in some cases spares the costs of what is likely to prove an unsuccessful application.

348 Formal Pre planning meetings were undertaken. Pre planning advice was given in 675 other instances via phone and email. Pre planning meetings are facilitated within one month of a request being made.

11.9 Conservation

The Conservation Officer provides professional advice to the Council and the public on Conservation matters and reports on planning applications and derelict sites, where these impact on architectural heritage.

During 2010, a review of the Record of Protected Structures for the County was carried out. 23 Structures were removed from the RPS and 23 new Structures added. The Planning Authority also undertook a photographic record of the Protected Structures within Navan Town .

Other projects included the preparation of a Draft Character Statement for Somerville Architectural Conservation area , preparation of architectural heritage sections for the Tara-Skryne Landscape Area Plan, and the Bru na Boinne Framework plan were completed together with a photo-survey of the architectural heritage of these areas.

Further repair works were carried out to Trim Town wall at the rear of Emmet Street with funding provided by the Heritage Council, Irish Walled Towns Network.

A number of workers cottages at Cavan Row Slane have been gifted to the Council. Outline proposals have been prepared to restore these for use by the community.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government commenced a review of the Bru na Boinne Management plan. Meath County Council Planning and Conservation staff will assist in that review.

The Planning Authority also administers the National Conservation Grant Scheme, which provides assistance for appropriate conservation works to protected structures. €121,100 was awarded in grant aid to 21 projects completed in 2010. The funding was given to a range of projects, principally, repairs to roofs, structural repairs, joinery and lime plaster repairs.

11.10 Building Regulations

213 buildings were inspected by the Building Control Officer representing an inspection rate of 48% which is significantly in excess of the recommended 10-15% inspection guide. 67 Disabled access certificates were received by the Building Control Authority

11.11 Forward Planning

The Planning Department supported Meath County Council's Regional Authority members throughout the review process and participated proactively in delivering benefits for Co Meath in final document . The Regional Planning Guidelines were adopted in June 2010.

Other projects to be advanced included:

Preparation of the Draft Johnstown LAP (1)

Progress report on the Trim Development Plan 2008-2014

Work also continued on the Bru Na Boinne Framework Plan, the National Transport Authority Regional Strategy and The Tara Skryne Landscape Conservation Area projects

The Planning & Development Act 2010 introduced the concept of a Core Strategy to guide and inform the Development Plan process. Significant staff resources have been engaged in preparatory work to inform the commencement of the County Development Plan process which commenced in the 1st Quarter of 2011.



12 TOWN COUNCILS

12.1 Kells

Kells Town Council is the Local Authority for the Urban District of Kells. It is composed of nine directly elected councillors.

12.1.1 Housing

The Headfort Grove & Blackthorn Refurbishment projects were fully completed in 2010. This included the provision of twenty two new additional houses & the refurbishment of 60 houses.

12.1.3 M3 Motorway

The M3 and N52 by-pass of the town was officially opened in June 2010. The successful completion of this project has seen benefit the town greatly through the removal of very heavy traffic. The Council commissioned Burroughs Consulting Engineers in association with Transportation Planning International (TPI) to prepare the preliminary design stage of a Traffic Management Scheme for Kells town centre. Burroughs was appointed under the Department of Finance Standard Conditions of Engagement for Construction Consultants for the Preliminary Stage (i). This stage involved the initial investigations, subsequent concept designs and public consultation process.

The main objective of the scheme is to enhance the safety, capacity and overall environment of the streets for all users and indeed improve the future economic potential and development of Kells, post opening of the M3 motorway and the N52 bypass.

Kells as a heritage town has been shaped from a transportation perspective in the main by the intersection of the N3 and N52 in the heart of the town. The main barrier for pedestrian and cyclists is the absence of safe facilities.

The opening of the M3 and N52 bypass has afforded Kells the opportunity to enhance the town using a coherent and all inclusive traffic management plan.

The proposed upgrades to the overall street environment will be a benefit for all users and improve future economic potential and development of Kells as a shopping and tourist destination.

Proposed work will include improvements to junctions, footpaths, parking, provision of loading bays, traffic signals, pedestrian facilities, delineation, signage, one way systems, public lighting, cycling facilities, vulnerable road user facilities and public transport facilities.

12.1.4 Roadworks' Programme

During 2010 the roads and footpath were completed at:

Location	Description of Works
Slane Road	Reconstruction new road to Headfort Bridge
Mullingar Road	Reconstruction new road and footpath.



12.1.5 Headfort Place Church Car Park

The Council completed the works to Headfort Place (south of N3) Church Car Park, Kells. The works included:

- Redesign of existing car parking area to include resurfacing with tarmacadam, granite sets, granite flags, limestone pavers and the erection of limestone bollards.
- Relocation of existing monument (protected structure) to a new position in front of the Town Hall/Civic Offices Building.
- Landscaping works including tree planting
- Provision of 2 no. additional disabled parking bays
- The installation of additional two tone public lighting
- All Ancillary services

12.1.6 Kells Tourism Information Point

Kells Civic Offices, Headfort Place, Kells,
Co. Meath

Tel +353 (0) 46 924 0064

Fax +353 (0) 46 924 9316

E kellstouristoffice@meathcoco.ie

Houses copy of the book of Kells along with other treasures.

Open Monday - Friday for tourist information, brochures and accommodation.

12.1.7 Recreation and Amenity

Cllr. Conor Ferguson, Cathaoirelach Kells Town Council formally launched the Kells Historic Trail in 2010. Kells has a rich history and this Walking Trail sets out two walking routes that extend over 9km around the town & identifies 14 different historic sites in Kells all of which have orientation panels or plaques providing information about each site. The successful application formed part of the Historic Trails Initiative introduced by Fáilte Ireland through the NDP last year. This initiative made funding available to provide a range of tourist signage to develop self-guided historic trails.

The Council also launched the Kells Enhancement Initiative in 2010. A number of streets were identified to participate in this pilot project. This will be expanded in 2011 when all streets will be invited to participate. This is to be a campaign whereby streets will compete on a number of criteria. At the initial introduction phase, advice and assistance was provided to all participating businesses in each of the streets, as to how they might make enhancements in their area.

12.1.8 Major Collection Rates:

Commercial Rates 85%

Rents 97%



12.2 Navan

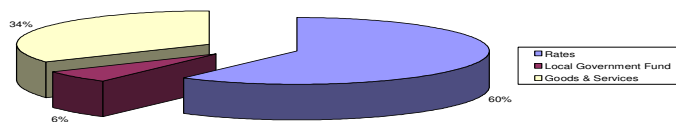
Navan Town Council is the Local Authority for the Urban District of Navan. It is composed of nine directly elected councillors. Cllr. Joe Reilly was the Mayor for the first half of 2010 and was succeeded by Cllr. Phil Brennan.

12.2.1 Finance

Total Budgeted Revenue expenditure for 2010 was €8.6m.

The Annual Rate on Valuation in respect of 2010 adopted by Navan Town Council was €59.00

The following is a % breakdown of Budgeted Revenue Income for 2010



The Council's collection rates were

Commercial Rates 76%

Rents 70%

Payments to Council Members

Payments made to members under travelling & subsistence €17,986.76

Payments to members in respect of conferences, seminars, etc. €14,733.28

€32,720.04

12.2.2 Recreation and Amenity

The Council awarded amenity grants in the sum of €33,450 to various residents associations, sporting groups, theatrical groups, river rescues and organisations working with people with a disability, the youth and the elderly.

€1,800 was awarded for band performances while €800 was awarded for promotion of the Arts.

12.2.3 Housing

There were 17 houses allocated this year and 2 applications under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Central Heating Programme which saw the installation of central heating in all council owned houses, was completed in 2010.

12.2.4 Smarter Travel

No further progress was made on Navan's bid for Smarter Travel. This will be progressed further in 2011 with the establishment of the NTA.

12.2.5 Civic Receptions

The Mayor and Members of Navan Town Council held 2 Civic Receptions in 2010 in order to recognise the achievements of individuals of, or groups in the community. The recipients in 2010 were:

Larry Clarke for his achievements with Navan Road Club and,
Tommy Fitzsimons in recognition of his immense contribution to the community.



12.2.6 Joint Policing Committee

The Navan Joint Policing Committee is a mechanism to give communities a greater say and involvement in the democratic process. It is an important vehicle in communicating with, protecting and uniting our communities.

There is a total of 18 Members of the Navan Joint Policing Committee. This is made up of 9 Elected Members from Navan Town Council, 2 Oireachtas Members, 3 Community Reps, the Superintendent, Inspector Navan, Navan Town Manager and Navan Town Clerk. Cllr Joe Reilly was nominated as Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee.

12.2.7 Major Projects

- **Market Square/Watergate St Enhancement**

The Market Square/Watergate Street Enhancement Scheme was substantially completed at the end of 2010. The sculpture "The Bull" is expected to be completed in early 2011 and installed shortly thereafter.

- **Navan Town Park**

2010 saw the commencement of works in the Town Park with the laying of ducting for the under grounding of the ESB Network. These works were substantially completed during 2010 with under grounding of the ESB Overhead Network expected to take place in early 2011.

The tendering for the development of Navan Town Park was completed in 2010 and it is expected that the successful contractor will be appointed during early 2011 with work to commence on the Town Park development during the summer of 2011.

- **Solstice Arts Centre**

The Solstice Arts Centre continues to provide a wide variety of shows and events for the citizens and visitors to Meath's County Town. In 2010, approximately 40,000 people visited the centre.

12.2.8 Roadworks' Programmes

In 2010 the following road schemes were completed as part of the Road Works Programme. The completion of these schemes has helped to make a real difference to the quality of life and living environment of the people of our Town.

- Troytown Heights Housing Estate – Installation of drainage and road re-surfacing.
- Navan Town – Upgrading of Public Footpaths in accordance with the Accessibility Report.
- Boreen Keel/Old Athboy Road Junction – road resurfacing.
- Installation of public lighting in Beechmount Housing Estate, St. Mary's Park and Woodlands Housing Estate.
- Ratholdren Road – Upgrading of the school warden crossing.
- Reask Housing Estate – Installation of a fence along the roadside boundary of the green area.
- Waterville & Hillview Estates – installation of traffic calming and estate name signage.
- Woodview Estate – installation of traffic calming measures and footpath repairs.



12.3 Trim

12.3.1 Roadworks' Programme

During 2010 the roads and footpath Reconstruction and Restoration Programme continued. Trim Town Council and Meath County Council carried out a joint project of construction a new road to service this site with the works finishing in early 2010 and the road called Jonathan Swift Street.

12.3.2 Trim Town Development

A Feasibility Study for the establishment of an Enterprise Centre for Trim commenced in 2010 and a draft Report was presented to the Members in November. The Council continued to work with the Chamber of Commerce and worked closely with its members on a number of projects such as the Saturday free parking in car parks.

12.3.3 Heritage

Trim has an extremely rich heritage of archaeological sites with more medieval sites than any other town in Ireland. Its natural amenities, its tranquil setting along the banks of the river Boyne makes Trim a much sought after location to live in. Outstanding progress has been made in the enhancement of the landscape and the provision of amenities that are sensitive to the built and natural environment. The Town Council in conjunction with Bord Fáilte introduced a Historical Town Trail around Trim, it highlights part of the old town walls and gates along with historical buildings.

12.3.4 Tidy Towns

Trim Town Council in conjunction with Trim Tidy Towns Committee achieved high standard and were awarded a Bronze Medal in National Tidy Towns Awards Ceremony for the third year in succession. Trim finished third in the Liv Com International Awards for sustainable and living communities which were held in Chicago.

Trim continued to fare well in the IBAL Litter League retaining its Litter Free Status and just lost out on overall award finishing second. The town also achieved a bronze award in the All Island Pride of Place Awards Ceremony held in the Knightsbrook, Trim.



13 APPENDIX 1: SPC MEMBERS

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14 APPENDIX 2: SPC ACTIVITIES

Activities of the Strategic Policy Committees 2010		
Name	Meetings Held	Report on Activities
Environment & Emergency Services	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of North East Region Waste Management Plan • Corporate Climate Change Strategy • Protocol for the Use of Bio-solids in Agriculture • Fire Service Strategic Development Plan • Draft Statement of Waste Policy (DoEHLG) • Casual Trading Bye-laws • Anti-litter/Illegal Dumping Action Plan 2010 & Litter Management Plan • Waste Enforcement • Food Waste Regulations
Infrastructural Development	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smarter Travel Initiatives • Winter Gritting Programme • Connections to Public Water Services in County Meath • Public Lighting • Maintenance of Roundabouts.
Planning & Economic Development	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Rural Housing Design Guide • Review of An Bord Pleanála 's decisions in respect of significant development proposals • Taking in charge of Residential Estates • Update on the Tara Skryne Valley Landscape Conservation area • Issues to be considered in the Review of the County Development Plan • Development Contribution incentives • Consider presentations on Regional Planning guidelines Flood Risk Guidelines Planning & Development Act 2010 Core Strategy
Housing, Social, Cultural & Community	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rectification of anomalies in the Council Differential Rent Scheme • A presentation from Michael Killeen Director of Service on the core activities of the Community Enterprise Recreation Culture and Heritage Department • An update on the Housing Capital Allocation for 2010 • Measures to promote and enhance tourist's location in the County and with particular reference to the Hill of Tara. • Preparation of a Regional Homelessness Action Plan • Preliminary draft of an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 • Consider submissions and observations received in respect of the draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy and to make recommendations to the full Council in respect of same.



15 APPENDIX 3: COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Name of Committee	Name	Party
Meath County Enterprise Board	Clr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
	Clr Jenny McHugh	Labour
	Clr Ray Butler	Fine Gael
	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
The Mid East Regional Authority.	Clr Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Brian Fitzgerald	Non Party
	Clr Jim Holloway	Fine Gael
	Clr Jimmy Fegan	Fianna Fáil
	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
	Clr Jenny McHugh	Labour
	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Clr Eoin Holmes	Labour
	Clr Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
Meath Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Clr Jenny McHugh	Labour
Regional Advisory Council Teagasc	Clr Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael
Regional Health Forum	Clr Nick Killian	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
Audit Committee	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Clr Niamh McGowan	Labour
VEC	Clr Nick Killian	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Ray Butler	Fine Gael
	Clr Francis Deane	Non-Party



	Clr Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael
	Clr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
	Clr Jenny McHugh	Labour
	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Clr Bryan Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Catherine Yore	Fine Gael
Joint Policing Committee	Clr Regina Doherty	Fine Gael
	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Clr Niamh McGowan	Labour
	Clr Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Seamus O'Neill	Non-Party
	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Noel Leonard	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Bryan Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
	Clr Jimmy Fegan	Fianna Fáil
	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr Jim Holloway	Fine Gael
	Clr Joe Reilly	Sinn Féin
	Clr Francis Deane	Non-Party
Community Reps	Shaun Lynch	
	Charlie Traynor	
	Clr Nick Killian	
MCC Staff	Martin Rogers	
	Kevin Stewart	
Gardai	Padraig Rattigan	
	Michael Devine	
Oireachtas Members	Johnny Brady	
	Damien English	
	Mary Wallace	
	Dominic Hannigan	
	Thomas Byrne	
Meath Partnership Co Ltd	Clr Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour



	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Brian Collins	Labour Party
Association of County & City Councils	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr Jim Holloway	Fine Gael
	Clr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
LAMA	Clr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd	Clr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
	Clr Jenny McHugh	Labour
	Clr Shane Cassells	Fianna Fáil
East Border Region	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
Forum of East Border Region	Clr Regina Doherty	Fine Gael
	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr Eoin Holmes	Labour
	Clr Noel Leonard	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
Meath Local Sports Partnership Ltd	Clr Sirena Campbell	Fine Gael
Disability Advisory Committee	Clr Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Clr Niamh McGowan	Labour
	Clr Nick Killian	Fianna Fáil
Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly	Clr Jim Holloway	Fine Gael
	Clr Jimmy Fegan	Fianna Fáil
Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd	Clr Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Nick Killian	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Joe Reilly	Sinn Féin
	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
Mid-East Regional Tourism Organisation	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
Meath Arts Forum	Clr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Clr Ray Butler	Fine Gael
	Clr Eoin Holmes	Labour



	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
Meath Tourism Ltd(Directors)	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
Athboy Social Needs & Recreational Company Ltd	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael
Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
	Clr Bryan Reilly	Fianna Fáil
Meath Heritage Forum	Clr William Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr Anne Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
	Clr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil
Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd (Directors)	Clr Ray Butler	Fine Gael
	Clr Tracy McElhinney	Labour
Ashbourne Cemetery Committee	Clr Niamh McGowan	Labour
	Clr Joe Bonner	Non=Party
Indaver Community Liaison Committee	Clr Eoin Holmes	Labour
	Clr Jimmy Cudden	Non-Party
Protocol Committee		
	Clr Anne Dillon Gallagher	Fine Gael
	Clr Shane Cassells	Fianna Fail
	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
	Clr Willie Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr Jenny McHugh	Labour
	Clr Eoin Holmes	Labour
	Clr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Bryan Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Jimmy Cudden	Non-Party
CPG	Clr Willie Carey	Fine Gael
	Clr John V Farrelly	Fine Gael
	Clr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Jim Holloway	Fine Gael
	Clr Anne Dillon Gallagher	Fine Gael



16 APPENDIX 4: CONFERENCES AT HOME

Title	Dates	Members Attended
A Guide to Child Protection	15/01/2010-17/01/2010	Clr Jimmy Fegan
Waste Management and the Law	22/01/2010-24/01/2010	Clr Wayne Harding
Planning Seminar for Councillors 2010	29/01/2010-30/01/2010	Clr Jimmy Cudden
		Clr Jenny McHugh
AMAI Spring Seminar 2010	12/02/2010-13/02/2010	Clr Ann Dillon Gallagher
		Clr Tommy Reilly
21st Colmcille Winter School 2010	26/02/2010-28/02/2010	Clr Ray Butler
ACCC Annual Conference	04/03/2010-05/03/2010	Clr Jimmy Fegan
		Clr William Carey
		Clr Wayne Harding
		Clr Tommy Reilly
		Clr James Holloway
Driving Local Sustainable Tourism in a stagnant Global Economy	12/03/2010-14/03/2010	Clr James Holloway
Climate Change, impacts and strategies	26/03/2010-28/03/2010	Clr Jenny McHugh
LAMA – Annual Conference	09/04/2010-10/04/2010	Clr John V Farrelly
		Clr Tommy Reilly
		Clr James Holloway
		Clr Jimmy Fegan
		Clr Jimmy Cudden
IPI National Planning Conference 2010	15/04/2010-16/04/2010	Clr Nick Killian
Banking, Insurance and NAMA	16/04/2010-18/04/2010	Clr Noel Leonard
New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses	23/04/2010-25/04/2010	Clr Tommy Reilly
		Clr Jimmy Fegan
		Clr Noel Leonard
		Clr Nick Killian
The Cost of Insurance and Claims to your Local Authority	21/05/2010-23/05/2010	Clr Ann Dillon Gallagher
		Clr Noel Leonard
Supporting Renewable Energy Opportunities in S&E Region	28/05/2010	Clr Tommy Reilly
The Law of Defamation as it affects Councillors	28/05/2010-29/05/2010	Clr Noel Leonard
		Clr Jimmy Cudden
		Clr Jenny McHugh



Sean MacDiarmada Summer School	18/06/2010-20/06/2010	Clr Nick Killian
A practical guide to Media Skills for Councillors	15/07/2010-18/07/2010	Clr Wayne Harding Clr Jenny McHugh
Housing(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009	16/07/2010-18/07/2010	Clr Tracy McElhinney
		Clr Nick Killian
The need for Urgent Local Authority and Health Service Reform	30/07/2010-01/08/2010	Clr Jenny McHugh
24th Humbert Summer School	19/08/2010-22/08/2010	Clr Jenny McHugh
Water Conservation	27/08/2010-29/08/2010	Clr William Carey
		Clr Wayne Harding
Computer and IT Development Skills for Councillors	03/09/2010-05/09/2010	Clr Eugene Cassidy
AMAI 97th Annual Conference	09/09/2010-11/09/2010	Clr Eugene Cassidy
		Clr Noel Leonard
		Clr Tommy Reilly
Anti-Social Behaviour – Symptoms. Solutions and Strategies	15/09/2010	Clr Nick Killian
Insurance Salesman’s Presentation Skills	17/09/2010-19/09/2010	Clr Jenny McHugh
Planning Applications	24/09/2010-26/09/2010	Clr Nick Killian
LAMA Autumn Seminar	08/10/2010-09/10/2010	Clr Noel Leonard
		Clr Tommy Reilly
		Clr William Carey
		Clr James Holloway
AEBR General Assembly and Annual Conference	21/10/2010-23/10/2010	Clr Wayne Harding
		Clr William Carey
Mastering the Art of Secure Communication	05/11/2010-07/11/2010	Clr Eugene Cassidy
		Clr John V Farrelly
		Clr Jimmy Fegan
Bogs Management & Development	05/11/2010-07/11/2010	Clr William Carey
Achieving World Class Tourism	26/11/2010-27/11/2010	Clr Eugene Cassidy
		Clr Ray Butler
Rain Water Harvesting	14/12/2010-15/12/2010	Clr James Holloway



17 APPENDIX 5: CONFERENCES Abroad

List Approved Abroad Conferences and members who attended in 2010		
Title	Dates	Members Attended
St Patrick's Day – New York	March 2010	Clr John V Farrelly
		Clr Noel Leonard
		Clr Suzanne Jamal
		Clr Seamus O'Neill
St Patrick's Day – London	March 2010	Clr Ann Dillon Gallagher
		Clr Wayne Harding
		Clr Joe Reilly
World Equestrian Alltech Games – Kentucky USA	October 2010	Clr Ann Dillon Gallagher
East Border Region – Brussels (subsistence only)	October 2010	Clr John V Farrelly

18 APPENDIX 5: MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL - 2010

Monthly Meetings	11
Special Meetings	5
Annual	1
Pre Budget and Budget	2
Protocol	11
CPG	12
SPC – Environment	4
SPC - Infrastructure	3
SPC – Social,Community & Culture	
SPC – Planning & Economic	4
Area - Dunshaughlin	10
- Kells	9
- Navan	11
- Slane	13
- Trim	9



19 APPENDIX 6: ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Meath County Council Annual Financial Report 2010		
Expenditure	Revenue (€m)	Capital (€m)
Housing & Building	10.230	23.047
Roads Transportation & Safety	27.762	36.526
Water & Sewerage	20.298	21.397
Development Incentives & Controls	10.366	(2.611)
Environmental Protection	14.177	0.690
Recreation & Amenity	5.324	2.253
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	8.473	0.374
Miscellaneous	12.351	1.711
Total	108.981	83.386
Income (See funding sources below)	58.658	79.462
Net Transfers		2.756
Net Revenue Cost to be funded from County	(50.323)	
Rates	22.952	
Local Government Fund & Pension Related Deduction	27.377	
Charges to Urbans	4.903	
Transfer from (to) Reserves	(3.934)	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	0.975	(1.168)
Opening Balance (01/01/10)	(9.305)	44.022
Closing Balance	(8.330)	42.853
Funding Sources	Revenue (€m)	Capital (€m)
State Grants & Subsidies	29.628	64.679
Borrowings	0.000	2.417917
Other Receipts		12.365145
Rents from Houses	6.802	
Housing Loans	0.540	
Commercial Water and Sewerage	3.787	
Planning Fees	0.792	
Recreation & Amenity Activities	0.200	
Fire Charges	0.770	
Pension Contributions	1.377	
NPPR	0.964	
Miscellaneous	10.978	
Total	55.837	79.462



Members allowances and expenses for Conferences (€)	
	€
Chairman's and SPC Chairs Allowance	57,955
Councillors' Gratuities	143,088
Member's Expenses/Salaries	720,015
Attendance at Conferences abroad	12,511