

Meath Local Authorities Annual Report 2011





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1 FOREWORD

We are pleased to present, on behalf of Meath Local Authorities, the Annual Report for 2011. The publication of this Annual Report gives an opportunity to illustrate and provide information on accomplishments and progress on the many and varied services provided by Meath Local Authorities.

The current economic downturn continues to present significant challenges in terms of financial resources. However, the Council has continued to efficiently manage its finances and was pleased to record a surplus of €1.4m. at the end of 2011. There is no doubt that the past few years have been difficult, but despite the financial situation Meath Local Authorities continued to deliver efficient and quality services with fewer staff and reduced income. Staff numbers decreased substantially since 2010 and it has been necessary to restructure Departments to ensure productivity and the delivery of services.

Nonetheless, it is important to say that Meath is extremely well placed to play a significant role in Ireland's recovery. The investment in roads, motorways, and water and waste water services in recent years makes Meath one of the most accessible counties in the country. The work we have done in improving the appearance of our towns and villages is also important as is our proven track record in helping to deliver major events for the county. The 2011 Solheim Cup, staged at Killeen Castle, was one such event that put the county and its heritage on the global stage. It is only fitting that County Meath now joins the ranks of Europe's top golf destinations after the spectacular success in hosting the greatest ladies' golf event in the world. The economic benefit of €23m. to County Meath reflects the enormous amount of hard work done by this Council and Meath Tourism to produce an event that put the county on the international stage.

Another proud moment, in 2011, was the recognition the Council received for its road safety work. The Council won the Public Sector category of the Road Safety Authority's "Leading Lights in Road Safety" Awards. The work to save lives and prevent serious injuries on our roads resulted in the number of people who lost their lives on Meath's roads fall from thirty in 2005 to six in 2010. The number of serious injuries has also fallen significantly over the period.

The focus on economic development and the promotion of Co. Meath as a prime location for inward investment continues to be a priority. 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.

The ongoing commitment to supporting communities is also highlighted in this report 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 including the very successful Pride of Place 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.



Eoin Holmes
Cathaoirleach



Tom Dowling
County Manager



2 LOCAL DEMOCRACY

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3 COMMUNITY

3.1 Meath County Development Board

In 2011, Meath County Development Board met four times. Presentations were made by Agencies including:

Enterprise Ireland
Industrial Development Authority
Meath County Enterprise Board
Meath Economic Forum
Meath County Development Plan 2013 – 2019 Strategic Issues Paper.
Chambers of Commerce
SIPTU
NE Regional Drugs Task Force – Needle Exchange Project
Meath County Council - Developing an Economic Activity Plan for Meath.
Sustainable Meath – Sustainable Ireland – Environmental Pillar
Discussion & Consultation on UN Conference on sustainable Development

The County Development Board endorsed the annual workplans for Meath Partnership (LCDP Programme) and the Meath County Childcare Committee on 25th March, 2011.

3.2 Community Development

3.3.1 Age Friendly Initiative

The Age-Friendly County initiative seeks to engage older people and their communities in making their communities better, healthier and safer places for older people to live and thrive. The Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council, Councillor Eoin Holmes signed the 'Dublin Declaration' of Age Friendly Communities and Cities in September 2011. This was the first ever international commitment to the principal of making our communities age friendly and it signified the continued commitment to enhancing the lives of older people in County Meath. An Age Friendly strategy is being prepared in consultation with key stakeholders.

3.2.2 Community Preparedness for Severe Weather Emergencies Seminar

A County Council initiative held in November 2011 facilitated the coming together of the principal response agencies and community and voluntary groups in Meath to exchange information and discuss how the groups could assist each other during a period of severe weather. The seminar was organised against the backdrop of the Government's response to the severe weather of the previous two winters.

3.2.3 Meath Traveller Employment Initiative

This project established under the Interagency Traveller Strategy continued to be funded by FAS during 2011. The project is to be mainstreamed nationwide in 2012.

3.2.4 Cultúr

Cultúr, works with migrants in Meath. It has developed its Strategic Plan to guide the work of Cultúr for the period 2010-2013. Meath County Council channels funding from the Department of Justice & Equality - Office for the Promotion of Migrant Integration to Cultúr.

Cultúr organised a photographic competition to raise awareness of racism following the tragic deaths in Norway. The winning participants were invited to meet with the Norwegian Ambassador in the Norwegian Embassy in Dublin.



3.3 Community & Voluntary Forum

The Steering Group met 10 times during 2011 and held their AGM in May 2011. The Fora engaged with their local communities to provide safety equipment, such as smoke alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing and all weather equipment. Community Groups can now avail, through the Library service, of meeting equipment e.g. Portable PA systems, speaker Stands, Showboards and folding display stands.

3.3.1 Community Communications

A web presence is available for community and voluntary groups at www.meathcommunities.ie. Currently 94 groups have active sites.

3.3.2 Resource Websites

The following websites continue to be available to public and provide valuable resources and information for business and community :- 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).

3.4 Social Inclusion

3.4.1 SIM Group

SIM Group operates as a networking and information sharing forum for interagency and local development groups in the County. The group was consulted prior to the endorsement of the workplan of Meath Partnership for funding under Local Community Development Programme (LCDP) and Meath County Childcare Committee Workplan.

3.4.2 Social Inclusion Unit

The Social Inclusion Unit for Meath County Council continues to be part funded by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. During Social Inclusion Week October, 2011, Meath SI Unit, to promote awareness of Social Inclusion, co-ordinated events by Meath Travellers' Workshop, RAPID, Meath County Council Environment Section, Cultúr, Meath County Childcare Committee, Jigsaw, Meath Volunteer Centre, Springboard, Job Matters, Meath Travellers' Employment Initiative.

3.4.3 Youth

A part-time co-ordinator continued to work with Meath Comhairle na nÓg during 2011. This work is funded through the development fund issued by the Office of the Minister of Children and Youth Affairs. The members of Meath Comhairle na nÓg are consulted on issues that potentially have an impact on the lives of young people in County Meath. The workplan of Comhairle na nÓg focused on drug awareness and its effectiveness in County Meath.

The Group participated in a workshop in Birr in September, 2011, as part of their annual workplan. In October they were involved in creating a large sculpture/interactive piece which was displayed in Dunshaughlin Park as part of National recreation Week. They also assisted in the highly successful Pucas and Potions Children's Day at Halloween organised by Meath County Council Arts Office.

3.4.4 Youth Mental Health Project

Following receipt of funding channeled through the County Development Board, the JIGSAW Youth Café opened in Navan. Jigsaw Meath brings together local services and community groups to better support the wellbeing needs of young people aged between 12 and 25.

3.4.5 Disability

In April, the Disability Advisory Committee of Meath County Council highlighted the need for parking correctly and proper use of spaces marked for the use of people with disabilities in County Meath. The Meath Parking Awareness Week was supported by elected members of Meath Local Authorities, the Disability Federation of Ireland, the Irish Wheelchair Association and People with Disabilities Ireland (PWDI) and was monitored by An Garda Síochána and the Local Authorities' Traffic Wardens.

The Disability Implementation Plan and Audits continued to be a valuable resource in encouraging increased access to services in County Meath.



3.5 RAPID

A new RAPID 2011 Plan was approved by the AIT in March 2011. Three action groups, Health & Family Support, Education & Youth and Community Safety & Physical Environment, were established to implement the plan. Thirty five actions were delivered resulting in greater community participation and engagement of local state agencies in the programme in addition to greater service delivery in the RAPID area. A RAPID Needs' Analysis survey was conducted, the results of which will form an important element of the future focus of the RAPID programme in Navan. The RAPID Navan AIT were allocated €5,500 towards the Community Support Budget by Pobal.

3.6 Pride of Place

3.6.1 Pride of Place Initiatives

In 2011, 182 projects among community and voluntary groups and schools, were completed under the Annual Pride of Place Initiatives. 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.

Ballinlough won the overall award at a ceremony in Navan in October, with many other excellent projects receiving acknowledgement for their efforts.

St Mary's Special School in Johnstown, Navan, received the top prize in the schools' category.

3.6.2 Co-Operation Ireland All Island Pride of Place Awards

County Meath was represented in the Co-Operation Ireland Pride of Place Competition by Causey Farm, Oldcastle, Boyne Fishermans Rescue and Recovery Service and Dunshaughlin. Boyne Fishermans Rescue and Recovery Service won the overall national award in their category and Dunshaughlin took the runner up prizes at the Awards' Ceremony in Wexford.

3.6.3 Anti Litter League 2011

Ninety-two community and voluntary groups and secondary schools took part in this competition which resulted in thousands of people collecting litter from across the county over a six week period in March and April 2011. 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.

3.6.4 Solheim Cup Landscape Projects

Twenty two groups took part in a landscape scheme across the county, to welcome visitors to the Solheim Cup. Local towns and villages created vibrant landscape features with flags to show their support and enthusiasm for the tournament.

3.6.5 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. In each case a local committee makes recommendations on applications which then go to the full Council for approval.

3.7 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.

In 2011 new works were commissioned across a variety of arts disciplines, together with a number of premieres of Meath County Council commissioned works. These actions are intended to support the Local Authority policy of supporting quality artistic endeavour, provision of employment opportunities for artists and long term sustainability and durability for the arts in the county.



Partners worked with in 2011 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, Coronation Theatre, National Concert Hall Outreach Education Department.

3.7.1 Bealtaine Festival

Meath County Council Arts Office had two exciting events taking place over 10 sessions in different venues across County Meath. These were a theatre performance by Carnation Theatre – 'Noah's wife missed the boat' – an amusing short play including music and a series of short musical performances called Musical Memories, by 3 professional musicians bringing live music from the concert stage to different venues in Meath. Musical Memories was run in conjunction with and part funded by the National Concert Hall. These events took place in Navan, Dunboyne, Ashbourne, Duleek and Dunshaughlin Libraries, and also in St Joseph's Nursing Home, Summerhill Third Age Centre and Nobber Friendship Club.

3.7.2 Culture Night

A performance by the National Chamber Choir was held in Solstice Arts Centre to celebrate Culture Night 23rd September, 2011.

3.8 Bursaries and Awards 2011

3.8.1 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.

3.8.2 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.

3.8.3 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.

3.8.4 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.

3.8.5 Tyrone Guthrie Centre Award

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

3.8.6 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.

3.8.7 School Musical Instrument Purchase Scheme

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

3.8.8 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' organised by Cairde na Crúite at An Grianán, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth. Two awards are made annually.

3.9 Library Services

3.9.1 Performance Indicators for 2011:

Average number of public opening hours per week	
36.63	Full Time Libraries
14.18	Part Time Libraries
Total number of visits to full-time libraries	
535,700	
Library Stock	
578,211	Total number of items issues
Total Number of internet sessions provided – 39,244	

3.9.2 Infrastructure

3.9.2.1 Navan Library

Completed minor extension (37sq m) and reordering of Navan branch library in 2011 with additional juvenile space available by year-end and new extension prepared for public use by early 2012. Major refit of County Library HQ completed in December 2011 and plans advanced for major refurbishment of building in 2012 to include window replacement and rendering of façade.



3.9.2.2 Ashbourne Cultural Centre

The library service delivered a major new Cultural Centre, Gallery and Community Meeting spaces adjoining the existing Ashbourne library. The major infrastructural works were completed on target in 2011.

3.9.3 Local Studies

The Local Studies Department added a number of valuable Estate records to their collections in 2011 including the Naper Estate at Loughcrew and the Bligh Estate at Nobber. Development work was completed on the forthcoming Local Studies Portal which will become active in 2012. Considerable time was invested in 2011 in the Oral History Recording Project and a volunteer, managed by the library service, is currently completing an Oral History qualification in the University of Limerick. A number of talks, book launches and presentations took place around the county including the series of events to mark Armistice Day in Dunboyne and Navan Libraries.

3.9.4 Reader Development

Internationally recognised authors including Andy Briggs and Tom Palmer headlined the annual **Children's Book Festival** in October. Eighty six events were organised around the county with twenty visiting authors and 3,500 children attending events organised by library staff making this Meath's leading cultural event for children. Staff at branch libraries organised events to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge. World Book Day, Library Ireland Week, Bealtaine, Heritage Week, Social Inclusion Week and Science Week.

3.9.5 Other Highlights 2010

- Delivered a Social Media platform for the library service in partnership with I.T Department.
Follow Meath County Council Library Service at
<http://meathcountylibrary.wordpress.com>
<http://facebook.com/meathcountylibrary>
<http://twitter.com/meathlibrary>
- Automated Self-Issue and Return promoted at each of the four main libraries.
- 5,600 children attended the Meath County Council Library and Arts Service Summer Programme in July and August.

3.10 Heritage Services

3.10.1 Green Infrastructure Strategy

Green Infrastructure (GI) is an interconnected network of green spaces and water that conserves natural ecosystems values and functions and enhances our quality of life. This includes nature conservation areas, parks, open spaces, river corridors, floodplains, wetlands, woodlands, hedgerows, farmland and coastal areas and green spaces in towns and villages. In 2011 Meath County Council commenced the preparation of a Green Infrastructure Strategy, in accordance with international best practice and emerging national guidance.

3.10.2 Photographic Archive for County Meath

Meath County Council has a large collection of photographs and images relating to the county which are currently only accessible by requesting individual collections through the library cataloguing system. Instrumentation was acquired to enable the digitisation of this collection to archival standard and make these images accessible, at low resolution and with details such as title, date, location and subject matter.

3.10.3 Biodiversity Interpretative Signage for Navan

To raise awareness and understanding of the natural heritage of Navan, Meath County Council commissioned three illustrated interpretative biodiversity signs - *Notice Nature in Navan*.

3.10.4 Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)

In April 2011 the Black Friary Archaeological Project, a partnership between the Irish Archaeological Field School and Meath Local Authorities, was featured at a major event in New York organised by the Archaeological Institute of America. The Irish Archaeology Field School provides university accredited archaeological excavation training and experience to university students from around the world at a range of sites in Co. Meath. The project received recognition and funding through the AIA Site Preservation Programme. In 2011 links were forged with a number of universities, and the tour operators who are interested in forming partnerships with us to bring cultural tourists to Meath.

3.10.5 Tara Stained Glass Window Project

The aim of this project was to explore and record the relationship that local children have with the Hill of Tara and its surrounding landscape and to capture their sense of place in a stained glass window. Glasshaus Studio, were engaged by Meath County Council's Arts and Heritage Office to work with the teachers and 4th class pupils of St Colmcille's National School, Skryne. The window was unveiled at a launch in the school in June and was on exhibition for July in Solstice Arts Centre before travelling to Kilkenny to be exhibited as part of National Heritage Week. The Skryne students were hosted by the Heritage Council in November.

3.10.6 Heritage Week 2011

Meath Heritage Office organised a number of events to celebrate Heritage Week 2011 including:

- Family nature activity day in Dalgan Park, Navan*



- (ii) *An illustrated talk on the Architectural Character of Dunboyne*
- (iii) *Screening of the movie – The Economics of Happiness*
- (iv) *An illustrated talk on Meath's Tree, Woodland and Hedgerow Survey*

3.10.7 Trim Swift Festival 2011

The fourth Trim Swift Festival 2011 took place from June 30th to July 3rd. 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. *Rory Bremner* headlined the 2011 festival. A major new element to the festival '*Satire Day*' was introduced in 2011 curated by Paddy Cullivan which brought together national and international satirists in a festival marquee.

3.10.8 Bective Abbey Podcast

Meath County Council commissioned a podcast to record the Bective Abbey Research Excavation led by Drs. Geraldine and Mathew Stout. The project involved the creation of four 20 minute radio features streamed on the Bective Abbey blog site <http://bective.wordpress.com/> and documents the archaeological process, daily life on an archaeological dig and captures tourists that visit the site and interact with the archaeologists.

3.10.9 Royal Society's Antiquaries of Ireland Annual Field

Meath Heritage Office welcomed the annual field of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland to Meath in July.

3.10.10 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. A number of projects were progressed in 2011 including a communications strategy, an awareness study, programme of public events, training for local authority staff.

3.10.11 Collaboration between Meath County Council and the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE), NUI Maynooth

This purpose of this project is to publish a *Guide to Local History and Built Heritage Sources for Meath*. The first stage commenced in 2010 and the text of the publication was progressed in 2011.

3.10.12 Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland Annual Conference

A presentation on 'Communicating and engaging the public with archaeology – a partnership approach' was made by the Heritage Officer at the annual conference of the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland in Cork.

3.10.13 Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) of Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site

Meath Council in partnership with the School of Archaeology UCD undertook a HLC study of the Brú the Bóinne World Heritage Site.

3.10.14 Community Archaeology

Meath Local Authorities in partnership with the Irish Archaeology Field School held a community open day at the Black Friary Archaeological Site in September.

4 CORPORATE SERVICES

4.1 Corporate Events

4.1.1 Visit of the Korean Ambassador

The Korean Ambassador, His Excellency Chang Yeob Kim paid a visit to County Meath on Wednesday 7th September on the invitation of Meath County Manager, Tom Dowling. The Korean delegation was welcomed to Newgrange by the Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council Cllr. Eoin Holmes, the County Manager, Kevin Stewart, Director of Services and Clare Tuffy, Manager of the Brú na Bóinne Visitors' Centre.

The Ambassador was taken on a guided tour of the ancient monument through the 19 metre long inner passage to the cruciform chamber and was given an overview of the Brú na Bóinne area and all it has to offer in terms of history, heritage and archaeology.

On his departure, the Ambassador was presented with a piece of local craftwork.

4.2 Media

Meath County Council continued to avail of print media, local radio and social media to increase public awareness of Council activities.

In 2011, the Council issued a total of **90 press releases/statements** and responded to over **200 media queries** through the communications' section of Corporate Services.

4.3 Awards

In 2011, Meath County Council won the Public Sector category of the Road Safety Authority's "Leading Lights in Road Safety" Awards. The awards were presented by Gay Byrne, Chairman of the Road Safety Authority at a ceremony in Farmleigh on 12th October, where he congratulated the Council on the quality of its submission and its ongoing commitment to Road Safety and the protection of lives.



Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Eoin Holmes and Larry Whelan, SEO receiving the award from Gay Byrne.

The annual Leading Lights in Road Safety Awards recognise the outstanding efforts of people across Ireland to make roads safer for all. The public sector category recognises a public body who has committed to promoting road safety and who has made a significant contribution to road safety in their community.

Since 2005 Meath County Council has been working in partnership with key stakeholders such as the Gardaí, the HSE, the NRA, the Department of Transport, and Councillors to develop and implement Road Safety Plans. This work has contributed to an 80% reduction in the number of fatalities on the County's roads. In 2005, 30 people lost their lives on Meath's roads and this number fell to 6 people in 2010. The number of serious injuries has also fallen significantly over the period.

4.4 Higher Education Grants

In excess of **1700** applications were submitted to Meath County Council for Higher Education Grants in 2011 in respect of the 2011/2012 academic year.

A single unified Higher Education Grant Scheme was introduced by new legislation for the 2011/2012 academic year. This legislation provides the basis for the reform of student grants system by the:

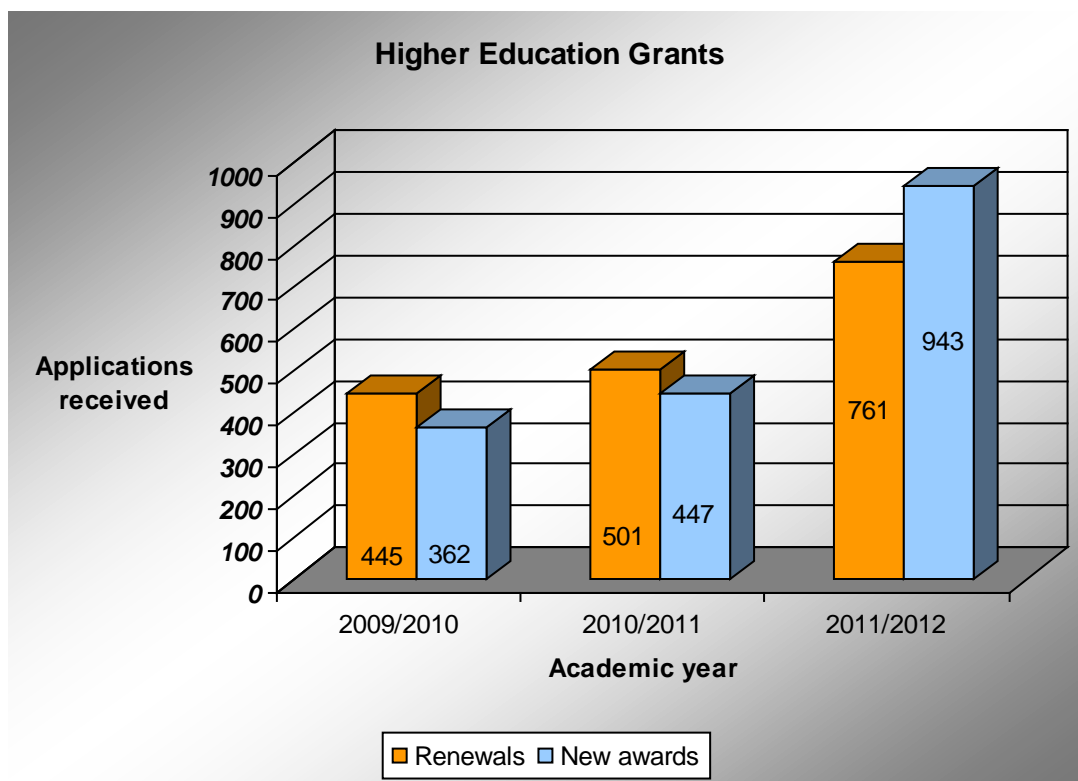
- Consolidation of all existing grant schemes
- Establishment of a single grant awarding body
- Establishment of an independent Appeals Board

The value of a full grant under the 2011 Scheme was €3,120. Student Contribution Charges covered under the Scheme were €2,000. An additional grant category of 50% of the Student Contribution Charge was introduced of €1,000. Overall expenditure in 2011 relating to Higher Education grants totalled **€5.1m** 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
 - Student Contribution Charge (100%)
 - Student Contribution Charge (50%)
- Statistics on applications awarded for the last 3 years are as follows:



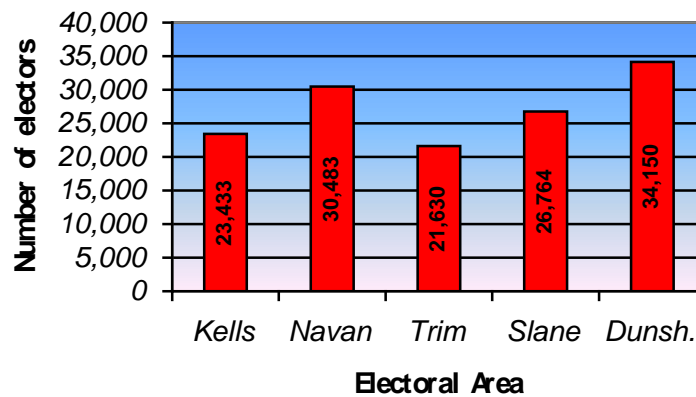
4.5 Register of Electors

The Register of Electors was published in February 2011 and showed a voting population as follows:

Dail Electors	132,651
Presidential Electors	131,055
European Electors	134,314
Local Electors	136,460
Postal Voters	521

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

Register of Electors 2010/2011



During 2011, there were two Elections:

- General Election was held on 25th February 2011
- Presidential Election and 2 Referenda were held on 27th October 2011

Supplement Registers were prepared in advance of each election. Total Electors included in Supplement was 4,457.

4.6 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 2011 statistics relating to Freedom of Information Requests:

Applications Received	36
Carried Forward from 2009	3
Total	39
No. of requests granted/part granted	27
No. of requests refused	6
Requests transferred	0
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	2
Live cases at end of 2011	4
No of Internal Reviews	4
No. of Appeals to the Information Commissioner	4



4.7 Health and Safety

4.7.1 Safety and Health Management

Throughout 2011, Meath Local Authorities continued its commitment to the improvement of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work in terms of the provision of a safe place of work, safe plant and equipment, safe systems of work and safe employees.

4.7.2 Training

Safety and Health training was provided on a range of topics including: Abrasive wheels, Chainsaw, Designing for Traffic Management, Design and Construction Stage Risk Assessment, First Aid, IOSH Managing Safety for Construction, Lone Worker System, Manual handling (indoor and outdoor), Safety Legal Briefing, Safe Pass, Safety at Roadworks, Signing Lighting and Guarding and Tool Box Talks on a variety of topics.

4.7.3 Meetings

The Safety Management Committee (SMC) and the Safety Monitoring Groups (SMG) met on a regular basis during 2011. The function of both the SMC and SMG is to provide a forum for identifying safety and health issues and developing controls to prevent occupational harm, illness and property loss.

4.7.4 Safety and Health at a National Level

Meath Local Authorities continued to actively engage at a National Level with local government to strengthen safety management systems and structures and to influence the continued embedding of a Safety and Health culture. The County Manager is Chair of the Joint Union Management Health and Safety Steering Committee and the Council is represented at Committee level on the Local Authority Safety Officers Group.

4.8 Junior Achievement

During the academic year 2010/2011, ten employees undertook training as business volunteers and taught Junior Achievement programmes to over 346 students in St. Oliver Plunkett N.S., Scoil Naomh Eoin, St. Colmcille's BNS, Kells, Athboy Community School and Beaufort College. The volunteers encourage and inspire students to think about the career they can aspire to by setting goals and focusing on the future.

5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

5.1 Economic Development

The Council partnered with the Navan Enterprise Centre Company and appointed an Economic Development officer on a two year contract in mid 2011. This post covers a number of key areas including:

- (1) Advice and information on Council services to new and existing business
- (2) Liaison and single point of contact for all business enquiries
- (3) Development of new marketing material including research on skills and languages
- (4) Liaison with East Border Region for Interreg funding opportunities
- (5) Research and development of new initiatives

A template for an Economic Activity Plan was developed and presented to the Council and a series of actions are being advanced in 2011 and 2012 under the following headings:

- (1) Support for the SME sector
- (2) Support for the Retail sector
- (3) Support for the Tourism and Agri/Food sector
- (4) Foreign Direct Investment
- (5) Promoting Meath & Working with Others
- (6) Direct financial support

The 2011 budget provided for the appointment of a consultant to review the submissions by Bremore Ireland Port Ltd. who are proposing the development of a new deep water port to serve the east coast at Bremore near Gormanstown. Alice Charles Planning and SKM Colin Buchanan were appointed and were tasked with reviewing the



submitted documentation and assessing the issues and considerations involved in making an SDZ application to the DoECLG. The draft report was substantially complete by the end of 2011 and consultation with relevant stakeholders, including government departments, will continue in 2012.

The 2011 Solheim Cup was held at Killeen Castle in September 2011 and the staging and delivery of this major international sporting contest was a key task for the Economic Development and Tourism team. The tournament was an outstanding success and resulted in a lot of very positive national and international publicity for the county and the Boyne Valley region. The Economic Impact Assessment of The 2011 Solheim Cup carried out by Repucom International and Sports Surveys on behalf of Fáilte Ireland reported that the event had an economic value of €23 million to Meath and over €37 million to Ireland.

Preliminary work commenced on the review of the Economic Development chapter of the new County Development Plan including a review of the retail strategy for the county. The focus of the review will be to simplify policies and objectives so as to provide more flexibility to consider sustainable economic development proposals. This will include a review of allowable uses on zoned lands and will seek to introduce revised simplified policies in relation to economic development in rural areas. A draft plan will go on public display for comment and submissions in mid 2012. The new plan is due for adoption in May 2013.

Work on the preparation of the rail order for the Clonsilla to Navan rail line Phase 2 was advanced in 2011. The draft scheme is substantially complete but by the end of 2011 the project was postponed due to government funding constraints.

The Council continued the partnership with the Meath Chronicle and, in association with the newspaper and Generali Pan Europe, presented the 2011 Meath Business and Tourism Awards which recognise and reward outstanding local businesses. This was the second year of this event and it is now well established as the premier business event in the county. It is intended to continue this successful partnership in 2012.

The Director of Services for Economic Development is a board member of the Navan Enterprise Centre Company, the Kells Enterprise Centre Company and is an advisor to the board of East Border Region.

5.2 Tourism

5.2.1 The 2011 Solheim Cup

The 2011 Solheim Cup was staged at the Jack Nicklaus-designed Killeen Castle golf course during September 23rd to 25th with the Junior Solheim Cup taking place at Knightsbrook Hotel and Golf resort earlier in the week. Meath County Council and Meath Tourism worked together to create a memorable event. Meath was highlighted as a tourism destination to the international market who travelled for this world renowned event.

The economic impact of their efforts and the joint cooperation established with Fáilte Ireland on this event has resulted in €23m spend by visitors to County Meath during the Solheim Cup. Such a success in terms of direct spend is phenomenal with further indirect benefit resulting from media coverage to 440 million homes worldwide.

5.2.2 The Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival

The Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival is based on the story of the origins of Halloween at the Hill of Ward near Athboy. 2011 was the third year of the festival and more than 40 events were held throughout County Meath. It was promoted through an extensive programme of online and print marketing activity and generated significant bed nights for County Meath.

5.2.3 Marketing Promotional Shows

County Meath was promoted at a number of promotional shows throughout 2011 targeting the Northern Ireland Market via the Belfast Holiday World, the Belfast Golf Society Show and the Balmoral Show, the Spanish market via SITC Barcelona, the UK market via the BBC Good Food Show and the Belgian market via the Brussels Holiday Fair.

5.2.4 Meath Food Affair

The Meath Food Affair took place in the Ashbourne Marriott Hotel to highlight the quality food available in Meath's local restaurants and to encourage dining out. The majority of hotels,

restaurants, cafes and pubs participated in the event which attracted approximately 700 local people to taste and learn about Meath local restaurants.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL, WATER, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

6.1 Major Water Services Investment Programme Projects

6.1.1 Water Schemes at Construction

County Wide Water Conservation Project & Strategic Water Plan for County Meath: The Meath Countywide Water Conservation Project commenced in November 2005 and consists of three Stages:

- Stage 1: Establishment of a Water Management System that enables water use and loss throughout the water supply networks to be monitored;
- Stage 2: Establishment of an Active Leakage Control programme.

Stages 1 & 2 are in place. Meath County Council continues to use, update and maintain these systems to sustain benefits. The setting up and continued use of Stages 1 & 2 has facilitated the **reduction in Unaccounted for Water (UFW) from 58% (Nov 2005) to 35% (Oct 2011).**

- Stage 3: Watermains Rehabilitation

Phase 1 is included in the current Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP 2010 – 2013) under Contracts to Start 2010 – 2013. Site works commenced in April 2011. The project involves the replacement of approximately 14km of defective water-mains in 8 locations in the county i.e. Athboy, Duleek, Kells, Navan, Kilmessan, Kentstown, Claristown and Ballynaclose. Substantial completion date (including 12 weeks programme contingency) is 27th June 2012.

The Meath Countywide Water Conservation Project Stage 3 Countywide Water-mains Rehabilitation Strategy report was submitted to the DoECLG on 11th May 2011. The report includes 4 phases - Phases 2 to 5.

Phase 2 is included in the current Water Services Investment Programme (WSIP 2010 – 2012) under Contracts to Start 2010 – 2013. Phase 2, which consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 43km of defective water-mains in a number of locations throughout the county, is expected to commence construction in Q3 of 2012.

- Dunshaughlin Water Supply: Works substantially complete. Final commissioning of Treatment Plant to be completed in Q1 2012;
- Navan & Mid Meath Water Supply: Works completed on Contracts 1, 2, 3 & 6;
- East Meath South Louth & Drogheda Water Improvement Scheme: Augmentation works at Rath are complete. Stage 1 works at Kiltrough on Contracts 3 and Contract 4 are complete.

Water Schemes at Planning Stage:

- East Meath, South Louth & Drogheda Water Supply: Preliminary Report Review completed and submitted to DoECLG for approval in August 2009;
- Navan & Mid Meath Water Supply: Contracts 4, 5 & 7 at advanced planning stage. These have not been included in the Current WSIP to proceed to construction. Their inclusion in the subsequent WSIP is anticipated;
- Kells/Oldcastle Water Supply Scheme; Included in the 2010 – 2013 WSIP; Consultant appointed for preparation of Preliminary Report in Q4 2011.

Sewerage Schemes at Construction Stage:

- Kilcloon Sewerage Scheme: Works complete and scheme fully operational;
- Grouped DBO Scheme (Rathcairn, Rathmoylon, Kilmainhamwood, Summerhill, Moynalty, Donore, Athboy and Duleek): Works complete and fully operational.

Sewerage Schemes at Planning Stage:

- Oldcastle Sewerage Scheme: Contract Documents finalised. Advertisement for Pre-Qualification of contractors in Q 3 2011. Work to commence on site in Q3 2012;

- *Kells Sewerage Scheme*: Included in 2010 – 2013 WSIP. Brief for the appointment of Consultants to prepare Preliminary Report to be completed in Q2 2012;
- *Ashbourne/Ratoath/Kilbride Sewerage Scheme Network Rehabilitation Contract*: Included in 2010 – 2013 WSIP. Tenders received and assessed. Contractor to be appointed in Q1, 2012.

6.1.2 Rural Water Programme

Substantial monies continue to be expended under the Rural Water Programme, covering the following sectors:

- *Group Water & Sewerage Schemes*: 53 schemes completed at a cost of over €5m (1997 – 2012);
- *Small Water & Sewerage Schemes* (threshold limit €1m): 160 Schemes completed at cost of almost €14m (1997-2012);
- *The Takeover of Group Schemes*: 31 Schemes completed at cost of over €1m (1998-2012);
- *Well Grants*: Expenditure in excess of €3.5m.

6.1.3 Drinking Water Services Unit

Despite the reduced availability of human resources in this area, and the ever-increasing demands of new legislative requirements and customer expectations, Meath County Council continues to supply drinking water of a high quality and ensures compliance with legislative requirements in the provision of safe drinking water.

6.1.4 Operation & Maintenance (O&M)

The Council continues to provide a high level of service to domestic and non-domestic customers through its drinking water provision and wastewater collection treatment. Substantial cost savings have been achieved again in 2011 in day-to-day operational activities. This is without impacting on the quality or level of service provided. Three new maintenance Fitters and a maintenance Foreman were recruited in 2011 as replacements for retired staff and in order to continue to maintain a high level of reliability of service.

6.1.5 Wastewater Discharge Licences (WWDLs)

At year end 2011, 11 of the Council's 20 Waste Water Discharge Licences have been granted, as well as all 20 Waste Water Authorisation Certificates. The issuance of these licences and certificates will continue to increase the Council's statutory obligations, and the associated costs, which continue to pose a particular challenge.

6.1.6 Energy Management

In 2011, a grant of €25,000 was secured from the DoECLG under the Rural Water Programme – Energy Initiatives for the upgrading and replacement of the raw water pumps at Liscarton Water Treatment Plant. These works will result in annual electricity savings of €16,000.

6.2 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 and Cavan). The process of reviewing the regional Waste Management Plan commenced in September 2010. This process is now governed by item 8(2)d of the European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011 which states that *Waste Management Plans and the Hazardous Waste Management Plan in existence at the commencement of the Regulations of 2011 shall be evaluated by 31st December 2012 and, consequent on any such evaluation, where appropriate, be revised to be brought into line with the requirements of the Waste Directive.*

6.2.1 Policy Submissions

The Environment Section made a number of policy submissions to the DoECLG and EPA in 2011 including the following: (1) Altering the Structure of Household Waste Collection, (2) National Waste Policy Review, (3) Extractive Waste Industries and (4) Packaging Levy.

6.2.2 Legacy of former Landfill

The Council continues to carry an unfunded capital deficit in connection with the remediation of the former **Basketstown** landfill. Further capital expenditure will be required on the site in connection with the gas collection and flaring system as well as other areas. Ongoing annual revenue monitoring costs continue to be incurred in relation to compliance with the EPA licence on the former landfill.

6.2.3 River Basin District Management Plans

The Council adopted the **Eastern River Basin District (ERBD) Plan** in October 2009. The Shannon and Neagh-Bann International River Basin District Plans were adopted in April 2010. The implementation of these plans will require significant resources in order for the Council to achieve the targets as set out. However the positive effect on water bodies throughout the majority of Co. Meath from the implementation of the plans will benefit the county.

Work continues on the processing, issuing and enforcement of **Waste Collection Permits** (for the North-East Region) and **Waste Facility Permits** (Co. Meath).

6.2.4 Climate Change

In accordance with the **Corporate Climate Change Strategy 2011 – 2012** the Environment Section co-ordinated 'Energy Map' training for a cross-section of Council staff in conjunction with the SEAI. The Corporate Climate Change Strategy in conjunction with the Energy Map training set out the methodology and steps which the Council requires in order to reduce corporate carbon emissions by 3% per annum.

6.3 Waste Complaints and Enforcement

Waste Management Permits and Certificates of Registration and Sewerage Sludge Facility Certificates of Registration issued in 2011

In 2011, the statistics for both Waste Management Permits and Certificates of Registration and Sewerage Sludge Facility Certificates of Registration are as follows:

Waste Management Permits		Certificates of Registration		Sewerage Sludge Facility – Cert of Registration	
Applications Received	12	Applications Received	3	Applications Received	0
Granted	6	Granted	0	Granted	0
Refused	0	Refused	0	Refused	0
Withdrawn	0	Withdrawn	0	Withdrawn	0
Complete	5	Complete	0	Complete	0
Incomplete	1	Incomplete	3	Incomplete	0
Under Consideration	2	Under Consideration	0	Under Consideration	0

There are currently 32 Waste Management Permits in operation in Co. Meath.

Waste Collection Permits issued 2011

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 371 active collection permits in the North East Region.

In 2011 the following statistics apply for **Waste Collection Permits**:

Applications Received	33
Withdrawn	0
Refused	0
Revoked	50
Total no. Granted	28
Under Consideration	12
Reviews in year	17



6.4 Litter Pollution

In 2011, the Council continued its vigorous campaign in its effort to combat illegal dumping. The following is a breakdown of enforcement measures adopted during 2011:

No of reports investigated	654
On the spot fines issued	391
On the spot fines paid	278

The Council is continuing to look at all options to apprehend those who commit offences for littering and illegal dumping and these options include the use of C.C.T.V. systems. The monitoring of Bottle Banks for illegal dumping continued throughout 2011 and a number of litter blackspots have been identified for a particular focus throughout the coming year. The Council is indebted to the public for their assistance in notifying illegal dumping incidents. In 2011 the Council contracted a waste collection operator to assist with removing illegally dumped waste, particularly along the road-sides. This operation has proved very successful in a time of increasingly limited staff resources. It is intended to continue and extend this operation in 2012.

6.5. Meath Civic Amenity Sites – Trim, Navan and Kells

The Council's three Recycling Centres (civic amenity sites), supported by the countywide network of bring centres is contributing positively to recycling levels. In 2011, a contract was awarded to Oxigen Environmental Ltd. for a three-year period for the management and operation of the three Recycling Centres at Kells, Navan and Trim. The search for a suitable site in the south-east of the county for an additional civic amenity site continued in 2011.

6.6. Water

6.6.1. 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.

6.6.2 River Monitoring

In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Water Framework Status Update based on monitoring results for the period (2007-2009). The Water Framework Status Update details the quality of all waters within each River Basin District.

In terms of surface waters, Meath has been divided into a total of 144 river water-bodies, two lake water bodies, one transitional water body and one coastal water-body. In terms of groundwater status County Meath was divided into a total of 46 ground water bodies.

Of the total 144 river water-bodies the 2011 EPA Report states that 28 of these water bodies are at good status, 71 are at moderate status, 33 at poor status and 12 at bad status.

Significant improvements are required if the objectives of the Directive are to be achieved within the given timeframes. It is also equally important that water quality where already good must be protected.

In terms of river monitoring there are currently 86 (WFD) river monitoring sites which resulted in a total of 570 routine monitoring river samples collected and tested in 2011.

Investigative monitoring was carried out in catchments where water quality was found to be less than good and requires improvement. Investigative water quality was also carried out in a small number of water-bodies of good status with the view to protecting and maintaining good water quality status.

All findings were highlighted in a number of reports which are been followed up by water enforcement personnel.

6.6.3 Bathing Water

Meath County Council samples two bathing water areas on the Meath Coastline, namely Bettystown and Mornington.

Bettystown, in accordance with the bathing regulations is a designated bathing water area.



Laytown/Bettystown bathing water is sampled on a weekly basis during the bathing season (May to September) as required by the bathing water regulations.

In 2011, bathing water quality was determined to be in a good condition.

Meath's coastline is also part of a designated Shellfish Area namely The Balbriggan/Skerries shellfish area. Article 5 of the Shellfish Directive (2006/113/EC) and section 6 of the Quality of Shellfish Waters Regulations (S.I. No. 268 of 2006) requires the development of Pollution Reduction Plans (PRP's) for designated shellfish areas in order to support shellfish life and growth and to contribute to the high quality of directly edible shellfish products.

In 2011, Meath County Council adopted two pollution reduction plans for the purposes of protecting the quality of our shellfish waters, particularly with the view to establishing the potential risk of microbial contamination to the quality of Shellfish Waters from both on site wastewater treatment systems and agricultural sources.

Meath's coastline also hosts Mornington Beach which currently holds The Green Coast Award. The Green Coast Award is a symbol of environmental excellence and has been established to acknowledge, promote and protect the environment of rural Beaches in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales. The award is for beaches which meet EC bathing water quality standards, but which are also prized for their natural, un-spoilt environment.

6.6.4 Urban Wastewater

The Council carried out 298 inspections of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants (MWWTP's) in 2011. 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 2011:

There were 60 discharge licences for discharges to waters and 20 discharge licences for discharge to sewers.

Licence type	Total in force at beginning of year	Issued or reviewed during the year 2011	Revoked or lapsed during the year 2011
Discharge Licence to waters (Section 4)	58	3	1
Discharge Licence to sewers (Section 16)	19	1	0

6.6.5 Farm Surveys

The Council carried out 49 farm surveys, 268 farm inspections and 253 farm re-inspections in 2011. Farm surveys were carried out in accordance with the European Communities (Good Agricultural Practice For Protection of Waters) Regulations. Each farm surveyed is risk assessed and farms of medium and high risk are closely monitored and subject to re-inspection.

All farm surveys are recorded on a farm survey report form and are mapped for purposes of re-inspections.

Non-compliant farms are cross reported to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

6.6.6 Enforcement

In 2011 the Council served 38 'Section 12' water pollution notices. 29 of these pollution notices were served in relation to pollution from agriculture, six on relation to trade effluent and three in relation to septic tanks.

6.7 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 An 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 and in 2011 Meath County Council re-advertised for the contract to provide the service.



The Council's Dog Warden impounded 646 stray and unwanted dogs in 2011. 99 dogs were reunited with their owners and 397 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: 6107 (an increase 2426 since 2010)
- No of general licences: 13 (10 dogs or more)
- No of fines issued: 193 (an increase of 181 on 2010)

6.8 Derelict Sites

The Council continued to address issues with dereliction in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

6.9 Amenity Grants

The Council issued 204 Amenity Grants in 2011 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.

6.10 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. 46 lawnmower/strimmer grants were issued in 2011.

6.11 General Monitoring and Enforcement

General ongoing monitoring and enforcement in relation to the following sets of regulations continued throughout 2011: 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.

6.12 Air

6.12.1 Air Licensing

There are currently 14 air emission licence holders in Co. Meath. In 2011, the Council granted one new air licence.

6.12.2 Complaints

The Council received 90 air related complaints in 2011 of which 44 were investigated and 36 resolved. The majority of the complaints received related to back yard burning of domestic waste.

6.13 Noise

The Council received 33 complaints in relation to noise in 2011. 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.

6.14 Burial Grounds

In 2011 the Council advanced the provision of a burial ground for Dunshaughlin. There are further burial grounds throughout the county which will require the Council's attention as Sanitary Authority as a number of existing burial grounds are close to capacity. In 2011 the Council has undertaken the process of preparing an inventory of all burials grounds in the county and including their status. This is nearing completion and will inform future strategic decisions in relation to provision of burial ground capacity.

6.15 Civil Defence

Meath County Council Civil Defence operates nine 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

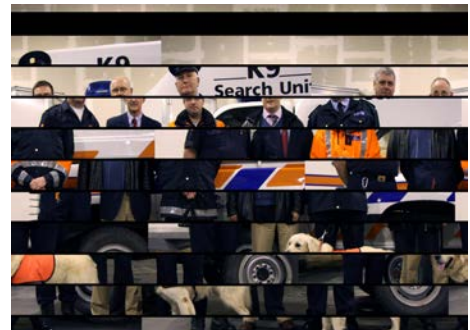
community service at these centres which are located at Ashbourne, Duleek, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Kells, Navan (2), Oldcastle and Trim. Civil Defence is an accredited training organisation by the Pre-hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC), the Occupational First Aid Assessment Agent (OFAAA) who oversees the standards applicable to First Aid training and pre-hospital care of injured persons and by FETAC for its training programmes. The organisation is also accredited by the UK Fire Services College and Coventry University for its Rope Rescue training programmes and by the Road Safety Authority for driver training.

2011 was a very active year for Civil Defence volunteers in Co. Meath. Ten volunteers successfully completed an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course during the year and forty two volunteers successfully completed an Emergency First Responder (EFR) course. Volunteers also qualified in a number of other courses including Occupational First Aid, Cardiac First Responder and Rope Rescue operator. Two volunteers qualified as ADI driving Instructors for delivering driver training and assessment of driving skills to Civil Defence volunteers.

Volunteers were actively involved in over one hundred events during 2011 making it the busiest year for Civil Defence to date. A team of six volunteers participated in "GrimpDay" an International rope rescue competition in Belgium in June. It was the first time a team from Ireland participated in this competition which comprised mostly full time fire service and military teams from across Europe. The team was placed sixteenth of forty one teams which was one of the highest placing for a team participating for the first time. In November a team of twelve volunteers participated in Regional multi-discipline competitions in Dublin and was the overall successful team winning some valuable equipment as prizes for use by the organisation in the county.

Meath County Council Civil Defence unveiled a new addition to the organisation's search management team in the form of PHOENIX, a golden retriever search dog at an induction seminar for over sixty new Meath Civil Defence volunteers in October, 2011. Kealan McMoreland, assistant unit leader in the Trim unit, trained Phoenix and the search dog will be a tremendous asset to the Civil Defence for operational activities.

Phoenix pictured with Michael Fitzsimons, Civil Defence Officer, Brian Spain, Chairman of the National Civil Defence Board, Kealan McMoreland, Brendan McGrath, Director of Services and Garda Inspector Martin Smethers



6.16 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 Fire & Rescue Service operates primarily under the provisions of the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, as well as other legislation such as the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007, the Building Control Regulations 1997 to 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.

As a result of the additional responsibilities placed on the Fire Service over the past 10-15 years, Meath County Council commissioned a study of the Fire Service entitled a 'Strategic Plan for the Development of Meath County Council's Fire Service'. This is a comprehensive plan which contains a total of 39 recommendations with associated actions and there was a continual implementation of these recommendations in 2011. The recommendations include actions particularly in relation to recruitment/staffing levels, building control, health & safety, major emergency planning and fire station capital works.

In 2010 a new programme of Standard Operational Guidelines (SOGs), was issued by the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management. The SOG's are currently being implemented throughout the Meath County Council Fire Service. They will be fully implemented over the three to four year timeframe.

6.16.1 Fire Operations

Meath County Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters is based at the central fire station on Abbey Road, Navan. There are six other stations located throughout the county:

- Ashbourne
- Dunshaughlin
- Kells

- Nobber
- Oldcastle
- Trim.

Meath County Council Fire Service provides a first line response to all types of emergencies across Co. Meath – this includes

- Fires in domestic premises
- Chimney fires
- Fires in commercial/ industrial/ assembly premises
- Forestry/ bog/ grassland fires
- Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs)
- Car/ vehicle fires
- Flooding & water pumping incidents
- River rescues
- Hazardous chemical incidents
- Environmental hazard emergencies
- Fire alarm activations
- Special Service incidents

Continuous Firefighter and Fire Officer training is done throughout the year and this includes the weekly training/drill programme in each Fire Station. Additional training courses completed in 2011 included:

- Breathing Apparatus Refresher training;
- Compartment Fire Behaviour Training (CFBT):
- CFBT Refresher training
- National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management training
 - Road Traffic Accident Course
 - Hazardous Materials Course
 - Unit 1: Sub-Officer Course
 - Fire Safety Engineering Course
 - Instructor – 1 Course

6.16.2 Fire Prevention

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 i.e. Meath County Council. A Commencement Notice must then be submitted to the Planning Section prior to the commencement of works. A register of Commencement Notices and Fire Safety Certificates are maintained by the local authority.
- Planning applications are assessed by Fire Officers for fire safety requirements and reports are then submitted to the 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.
- Fire safety inspections are carried out on buildings where breeches of fire safety are reported.
- Annual Dance/ Restaurant/ Club license renewal inspections are carried out - particularly over the Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov period.
- Petroleum Licence Applications are inspected under the Dangerous Substances Act, 1979.
- Community Fire Safety projects, which include:
 - Visits/talks to community groups
 - National Fire Safety Week programme
 - the annual Meath Co. Co. 12 Days of Christmas fire safety programme
 - annual visits to all of the primary schools in County Meath under the national Schools Fire Safety Programme – in 2011 over 100 primary schools across Co. Meath were visited by fire service personnel in delivery of this fire safety programme

Fire Statistics -2011

	Navan	Duns	Ashb	Trim	Kells	Oldcastle	Nobber	Total
Domestic Buildings:								
Chimney Fire In Houses	22	4	9	36	33	6	1	111
Other House Fires	30	12	13	12	8	5	5	85
Apartments, Flats & Bedsitters	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	11
Caravans/Mobile Homes	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	7
Institutions:								
Schools/Hospitals/Other	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
Industrial:								
Factories	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	11
Commercial:								
Shops/Supermarkets	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	6
Restaurants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hotels/Guesthouses/Boarding Houses	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
Service:								
Public Houses	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Restaurants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Places of Public Entertainment	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Other:								
Motor Vehicles	32	16	11	16	6	0	2	83
Petrol Stations & Garages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unoccupied Buildings	12	2	8	4	2	0	2	30
Agriculture Buildings	8	1	2	5	2	0	1	19
Forest/Bog/Grass etc	28	17	18	12	17	8	3	103
Outdoor Storage	17	4	6	7	1	3	1	39
Outdoor Rubbish	43	7	10	7	22	0	1	90
Miscellaneous	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Total Fires 2011	212	70	87	107	95	22	16	609
False Alarm Incidents								
1. Malicious	13	1	3	1	1	0	1	
2. Good Intent	108	44	35	27	12	10	5	
Total False Alarms	121	45	38	28	13	10	6	261
Special Services								
Road Traffic Accidents	30	35	28	13	12	4	6	
Water Pumping Flooding	11	1	5	2	3	7	2	
Hazardous Subs	4	0	0	0	2	4	0	
Other Non-Fire Rescues	10	7	5	5	4	3	1	
Miscellaneous	9	8	6	1	1	3	7	
Total Special Services	64	51	44	21	22	21	16	239
Totals	397	166	169	156	130	53	38	1109

6.16.3 Fire Safety Christmas Appeal



Meath County Council Fire Service launched its annual Fire Safety Christmas appeal "The 12 days of Christmas" in St. Joseph's Secondary School, Navan on Wednesday 30th November. The Cathaoirleach Eoin Holmes was joined by fellow Councillors, Council Management, Fire Office staff and a large group of students to launch what is now an annual campaign for fire safety in the home, at Christmastime. The colourfully illustrated brochure contains twelve fire safety points to remind people of the typical fire hazards associated with the festive season and to encourage people to take fire safety precautions over the Christmas period.

Cathaoirleach Eoin Holmes with Councillors, Council Management, Fire Office staff, School Principal and students from St. Joseph's Secondary School, Navan.



7 HOUSING

The Housing section aims to provide social housing support to persons who are unable to meet through their own resources their housing need. For the past three years we have experienced a demand driven housing section with limited resources and funding to deliver the housing needs of our clients. In 2011 the Capital Programme was €9.2m compared to €17.8m in 2010.

Meath Local Authorities delivered the following housing projects: -

- (a) 16 Part V Affordable units in various towns across the county.
- (b) 13 new social houses were purchased for persons on the housing list.
- (c) 24 Incremental Purchase Scheme units were successful allocated in Navan and Bettystown.
- (d) 10 units were acquired for the Capital Advance Leasing Facility at Knightsbridge, Trim.
- (e) 15 Traveller units at Castle Meadow, Trim.

7.1 Housing Construction & Acquisition

During the year, under the Council's direct Housing programme, a total of 14 units were acquired including construction of one rural cottage.

7.2 Applications/Allocations for Social Housing

In 2011, housing applications increased by 5% with just over 1,000 households applying for social housing support. During the year 105 households were allocated tenancies. These were principally Social Housing allocations with a number of tenancies with the voluntary sector.

The housing stock in the county stood at 2,992 at the end of the year with an average occupancy rate of 96%.

With the enactment of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 the Council adopted a revised Allocations Scheme for the provision of social housing supports. A new process for assessing households for social housing supports was also introduced in April 2011 under the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011.

7.3 Housing Adaptation Grants/Housing Aid for Older People/Mobility Aid Grants

Housing Adaptation Grants, Housing Aid for Older People, Mobility Aids Grants and Housing Grants for people with a Disability continue to contribute to meeting housing needs by adapting the existing homes to meet the needs of the occupants. Funding was provided by the Council to 134 projects costing €1,184,941.29 and 10 local authority adaptation works costing €72,274.

7.4 Maintenance of Housing Stock

The planned maintenance programme was ongoing throughout the year.

Works carried out under this programme included;

- Boiler maintenance
- Window and door replacements
- Servicing and provision of water and wastewater units for single houses
- Radon testing

All are funded through internal capital receipts. Emergency, urgent and routine repairs continue to be a priority each year and are coordinated at area level.

7.5 Energy Retrofitting

In 2011, the Council continued to implement the Energy Retrofitting Programme. This programme primarily applies to vacant houses. The programme enabled the local authority to improve the energy efficiency of 50 houses in 2011. In addition, nine long term vacant properties were brought back into service.

7.6 Remedial Works Scheme

Works commenced in October 2011 in Townparks Housing Estate under the Remedial Works Scheme. The total cost of the refurbishment is €10m. which includes the demolition of nine houses, the construction of 21 houses and a community building. It also includes the refurbishment of 58 local authority dwellings and the upgrading of all services, roads and footpaths.

7.7 Rural Cottages Refurbishment Scheme

Refurbishments of 15 rural cottages commenced in late 2011, and are due for completion in April 2012. The refurbishment includes installation of new electrical and plumbing systems, insulation, heating systems, kitchen and bathroom upgrades and water and wastewater treatment systems as required.

7.8 Traveller Accommodation

During 2011, the Council assisted 63 families with the provision of accommodation through various social housing supports. Meath County Council under the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2009-2013 completed the construction of 15 units at Castle Meadows, Trim in October 2011.



Castle Meadows, Trim

7.9 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

There are approximately 1,350 people in receipt of rent supplement for a period of 18 months or longer in the Meath County Council and Town Council administrative areas. At year end, in excess of 280 individuals had transferred to RAS. Negotiations were ongoing with landlords throughout the year.

7.10 Irish Council for Social Housing Community Award

Meath County Council was successful in the 2011 Community Housing Awards sponsored by Allianz which were announced on Wednesday 28th September as part of the ICSH Biennial National Social Conference in Galway. The Council won the award under the Innovative Finance Solutions category for an innovative project at Knightsbridge Retirement Village Trim.



Photo: (L to R) Deputy Mayor of the City of Galway, Councillor Frank Fahy, Ms. Gráinne Tuomey, Meath County Council, Ms. Fiona Egan, Túath Housing Association, Mr. Donal McManus, Executive Director, ICSH and Mr. James Gleeson, Allianz Insurance

Meath County Council in conjunction with Tuath Housing Association provided 10 units under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility at Knightsbridge Retirement Village, Trim.





8 HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Staff Structure

The introduction of a grace period for staff considering retirement, within which pensions are unaffected by the pay cuts introduced in the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009 (FEMPI (No2) Act 2009) led to an increased number of staff retiring early. Previous initiatives aimed at reducing numbers, coupled with the introduction of this grace period has affected staff numbers of Meath County Council across all grades and departments. The grace period will end in 2012, when the full effect of this measure will be known.

HR applied for sanction for the following posts, which were deemed essential to fill during 2011:

- 2 x School Warden post Dunshaughlin – permanent
- 1 x School Warden post Navan – permanent
- 12 x Temporary Clerical Officers – 18 month contracts
- 1 x Director of Service – Redeployment
- 20 x General Operatives - permanent
- 2 x Health & Safety Assistants – 11 month fixed term contracts
- 1 x Chief Fire Officer

All of the above sanction requests were approved during 2011 with the following alterations
19 x General Operatives – 2 year fixed term contracts

8.2 Staff Returns

Breakdown of staff by sector as of December 2011 submitted to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government:

Breakdown of staff by sector

Sector	Number	WTE
Managerial	6	6
Clerical /Administrative	301	272
Professional / Technical	133	133
Outdoor	228	208
Contract	32	21
Fire-fighter	72	11
Non DoEHLG	2	2
Total	774	653

December 2011

The total number of staff at the same period of 2010 was 803 with a WTE at 681.

8.3 HR Policies & Procedures

A Dignity at Work Policy was circulated to all Meath Local Authority Staff during 2011. Familiarisation sessions on the policy were included in mandatory Line Manager Training delivered to staff during 2011.

8.4 Industrial Relations

Meath Local Authorities continually work with all staff and their representative Trade Unions in order to resolve issues, which arise from time to time. Meetings continued with all Unions in relation to the initiatives being implemented to achieve the necessary cost savings. Regular meetings also took place with SIPTU to advance the Water Caretaking Review.

8.5 Superannuation

The following is a breakdown of superannuation activities dealt with in 2011:

Table 4. Breakdown of superannuation activities

Activity	Number in 2011
Requests for Retirement figures prior to the Grace Period	70
Retirements under Cost Neutral Early Retirement	4
Meath Local Authorities Retirements	20
Gratuities for Non-Pensionable Persons	1
VEC – Lump sum and pension calculations	3
Preserved Benefits - Calculated	11
No of Redundancies	10

*The total retirement lump sums paid in 2011 to Meath Local Authority staff was **€1,113,669** with a further **€257,658.24** in lumps sums being paid to retiring VEC staff.*

8.6 Training

Investment in staff training continued in 2011 in line with the national requirement of 3% of payroll costs. There was an increased focus on health and safety training in 2011. The following table shows the percentage spend on training in 2011 as a percentage of total payroll.

Requirement	Performance re All staff
3 %	4.05%

Congratulations to all our employees who achieved qualifications in a wide range of disciplines from Local Government Administration, IT, Health & Safety etc.

8.7 Staff Welfare

Meath Local Authorities promote the wellbeing of employees through various policies and initiatives including an Employee Support Service (ESS). Employees are provided with information and support on issues such as bereavement, women's health, men's health and financial matters.

9 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The severe weather of 2010/11 became a driver for a number of improvements during 2011. Changes implemented have been in the areas of telephony, internal communications, websites and social media.

Other Key Achievements:

Electronic Payments went live for a number of services. A new financial reporting system was implemented, providing greater line management visibility on budgets and spend.

The County Development Plan process was supported with a new dedicated website <http://countydevelopmentplan.meath.ie/> as well as piloting a document management system supporting collaborative work in preparation of the Plan.

Map based planning searches were implemented at <http://www.meath.ie/Planning/SearchPlanningPermissionApplications/>.

The Library service went live with an integrated social media communications approach using Blogs, Facebook and Twitter to engage with customers. See <http://meathcountylibrary.wordpress.com/>.

During 2011 the data storage and data server environment was upgraded to allow for increased capacity and greater resilience. Navan Town Council network was linked to County Hall over the Metropolitan Area Network (MAN).

10 TRANSPORTATION

10.1 Roads

10.1.1 National Roads Traversing Co. Meath

Slane By Pass	Awaiting decision of Oral Hearing.
M3 Clonee North of Kells Motorway	Completion of land acquisitions ongoing. Gone to Tender for M3 Footpaths
R147 Regional Road Signage	Scheme completed.
N52 Mullaghey Pavement Overlay	Completed.
N2 Flemington to Curtis Cross, Tuitterath to Flemington & Rathfeigh Cross	Commenced.
N52 Calliaghstown Pavement Overlay	Tendered.
N52 Balgeeth Pavement Overlay	Design Stage.
N52 Stephenstown to Fringestown Realignment Scheme	Part 8 prepared.
N51 Pavement Overlay at Clarke's Cross, Halltown & Rathmore	Works completed.
Low Cost Safety Schemes on N2, N51 & N52	Works completed.



L-1601 Rosnaree



Curtis Cross Overlay

10.1.2 Non-National Routes in Co. Meath

R161 Navan Road Trim Improvement	Works completed.
Regional Road Signposting Programme	Works ongoing.
L-1601 Rosnaree – Retaining wall, embankment strengthening and road improvement	Works substantially complete.
Killeen Castle (Solheim Cup) approach road overlay works	Works completed.
Low Cost Safety Schemes on Regional & Local Roads	
Bridge Maintenance & Repair Works on Regional & Local Roads	



10.1.3 Road Schemes at Planning/Design Stage

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

10.1.4 National Transport Authority Funded Schemes completed in 2011

Pedestrian Crossings 2011

- Ashbourne, Fredrick Street
- Dunboyne, Rooske Road
- Trim, Ring Road
- Enfield, Main Street
- Enfield, Johnstown Road
- Longwood, Trim Road
- Longwood, Enfield Road
- Longwood, Main Street
- Kells, Navan Road
- Kells, Bective Street
- Kells, Headford Road
- Kells, Maudlin Street
- Oldcastle, Church Street
- Oldcastle, Oliver Plunkett Street
- Navan, Slane Road
- Navan, Railway Street
- Donore Village
- Slane Village

Provision of Footpaths

- Crossakiel Village
- Oldcastle, Church Lane
- Rathmolyon Village
- Enfield, Main Street
- Drumcondrath
- Longwood Village
- Ratoath Village
- Kilcloon Village
- Dunboyne – Rooske Road
- Dunboyne – Summerhill Road
- Dunshaughlin

Provision of Bus Bays

- The upgrading of 67 bus stops along the Bus Éireann 109/109A Bus Route
- Completion of the Part 8 process for the provision of 9 Bus Shelters



11 PLANNING

11.1 Organisational Change

The Planning Department initiated a comprehensive review of its structure, processes and procedures during 2011. Extensive consultation with staff and elected members was facilitated and strengthened structures were put in place during the last quarter of the year. The Department has been reconfigured to include significant engineering resources informing sustainable transport policy and projects.

The Planning and Transportation functions are now delivered under one Directorate.

11.2 Development Management

The number of Planning Applications has stabilized at approximately 25 per week. A significant number of applications have been received to extend the duration of existing permissions.

Category	Applications determined	% Grants	% Refusal	Number of cases confirmed by An Bord Pleanala	No of cases reversed by An Bord Pleanala
Housing Developments	5	100	0	2	0
Individual House	374	84	16	8	2
Other	633	85	15	25	11
Requiring EIS	27	85	15	3	1

Major Planning Applications received or determined during 2011 included:

- School facilities at:
Dunshaughlin, Mulhussy, Culmullen, Ashbourne, Oldcastle, Moylough, Ballinlough, Drumconrath, Skryne, Laytown, Drogheda, Julianstown, Colpe, Donacarney, Stackallen, Ardee, Trim, Ballivor, Clonard, Baconstown.
- Sporting or Community facilities at:
Drogheda, Laytown, Duleek, Donacarney, Summerhill, Drewstown and Oldbridge.
- Housing developments at:
Ashbourne, Trim and Clonee.
 - New discount retail facilities Clonee and Ashbourne.
 - Extension to New Boliden Tara Mines operations.
 - Mixed commercial / residential developments in Dunshaughlin and Clonee.
 - Extensions to existing food sector industries in Curragha and Duleek.
 - Caravan / Motor home park in Kilmessan.
 - Agri / renewable fuels facility at Kells.
 - Commercial / Manufacturing facilities at Dunboyne.

Application profile

Outline Permission	4
Permission subsequent to outline	2
Permission	936
Retention	150
Extension of Duration	93
Part 8	6
Event Licence	1
Material Contravention	1
Section 5 and S97 Exemption certs	97

11.3 Strategic Infrastructure Developments

- Pre-Planning discussion with An Bord Pleanála for Bremore Ireland Port.
- Pre-Planning discussion with An Bord Pleanála for Navan-Dublin Rail.
- Greenstar Ltd. Increase the waste acceptance at the permitted waste landfill, extension of operational footprint and new waste treatment infrastructure.
- Navan Town Council - Crossing of the River Blackwater, Navan.

11.4 Development Contributions Scheme

€3.9m was receipted in Development Contributions during 2011, representing a collection rate of 97.5% of the income estimated from this source. A Debtors' Management System was also procured to assist in monitoring and management of accounts.

11.5 Planning and Economic Development SPC

The Planning & Economic Development SPC met on four occasions and considered the following policy related issues:-

- Variation of the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 to include a Core Strategy reflecting Regional Planning Guidance.
- The Strategic Policy Issues stage of the County Development Plan review.
- Review of Data Protection principles and guidance on information to be submitted in support of an application for a dwelling in a rural area.
- Green Infrastructure Strategy (to be included in 2013 County Development Plan).
- Legislative requirements for the Quarry sector.
- Review of the Development Contribution Scheme.

11.6 Enforcement of Planning Control

Meath Local Authorities investigated 489 complaints of unauthorized development and non compliance with conditions of planning permissions in 2011.

470 warning letters and 142 enforcement notices were issued on foot of those investigations.

39 cases were referred to the courts.

16 residential estates were taken in charge.

11.7 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.

260 formal pre-planning meetings were undertaken.

Pre-planning advice was given in 755 other instances via phone and email.

11.8 Buildings' Regulations

135 buildings were inspected by the Building Control Officer.

80 Disabled access certificates were received by the Building Control Authority.

11.9 Forward Planning

Preparation of the Meath County Development Plan is one of the most important functions of a County Council. The Development Plan provides the strategic framework for all new development in the County over the period of the plan. It informs the protection and enhancement of the County's amenities, and the co-ordination of infrastructural provision within existing and future land uses.

During 2011 the Strategic Issues papers were published, submissions were received and the Members of Meath County Council gave statutory direction to the Manager on the preparation of a Draft Plan.

Variations to incorporate a Core Strategy, and to include a schedule of protected views in the County Plan were also considered by the Councillors.

A dedicated website for the review of the Meath County Development Plan was established in 2011 to improve public access and transparency in the Development Plan process.



12 TOWN COUNCILS

12.1 KELLS TOWN COUNCIL

Kells Town Council is the Local Authority for the Urban District of Kells and has nine directly elected Councillors. Cllr. Conor Ferguson was the Cathaoirleach for the first half of 2011 and was succeeded by Cllr. Brian Collins. The Councillors on Kells Town Council in 2011 were as follows:

Name:	ADDRESS
Brian Collins	Cavan Road, Kells, Co. Meath
Sean Drew	8 Kenlis Crescent, Kells, Co. Meath
Brian Curran	4 St. Colmcilles Villas, Kells, Co. Meath
Tommy Grimes	14 Fr. McCullen Park, Kells, Co. Meath
Conor Ferguson	Navan Road, Kells, Co. Meath
Frankie Lynch	40 Beech Lawn, Rockfield, Kells, Co. Meath
Bryan Reilly	Rockfield Road, Kells, Co. Meath
Sarah Reilly	36 Bective Place, Kells, Co. Meath
Oliver Sweeney	Hurdlestown, Kells, Co. Meath

12.1.1 Core Activities

Kells Town Council provides a wide range of services including:

- Housing
- Planning control & development
- Urban Roads
- Water & Waste Water

12.1.2 Housing

The Headfort Grove Refurbishment project was fully completed in early 2011 with the installation of a CCTV system that addressed the concerns of residents in regards to possible security issues within the area.

12.1.3 Kells Traffic Management Plan

The preliminary Plan has gone through extensive consultation with the public and the elected Councillors. Observations and submissions have been carefully examined and a consolidated scheme is currently under development. A second phase of public consultation will follow in late 2012.

12.1.4 Roadworks' Programme 2011

12.1.4.1 Church Street

The improvement works to Church Street were concluded in 2011.

The work consisted of the following elements:

- Partial reconstruction and complete resurfacing of the carriageway.
- Renewal of the cast Iron water mains and service connections.
- Renewal of the existing surface water system.
- Line marking

12.1.4.2 Headfort Place

Previous improvement works to Headfort Place were expanded upon in 2011 with the extension of the foot path/ streetscape improvement scheme at Headfort place (from Town Hall west to John Street). The works included:

- Redesign of existing car parking arrangements to include resurfacing with tar macadam, granite sets, granite flags, limestone pavers and the erection of limestone bollards.
- Undergrounding of existing overhead ESB and Eircom cabling.
- Provision of tree planting and street furniture.
- Upgrading of the existing bus stops.
- The existing public lighting network within the area was upgraded and new energy efficient low voltage public lighting was installed.

12.1.4.3 Pedestrian Crossings

With the assistance of NTA funding, controlled crossings were provided at the following locations.

- Maudlin Street
- The Headford Road R163
- The Navan Road R147

The existing Crossing on the Cavan Road (R147 at SUPERVALU) was also upgraded from a zebra to a controlled Crossing.

It is envisaged that these improvements will make the town safer and more welcoming for both residents and tourists.

12.1.4.4 Bus Stop Upgrades

Meath County Council, working in conjunction with Bus Éireann and the NTA, undertook an upgrade of the 109 Bus route (Regional Road R147 Dublin to Cavan). The project included upgrading existing bus stops and the provision of new stops at various locations.

The Following Bus stops were upgraded in Kells:

- Headfort Place North
- Headfort Place South
- Lord Edward Street
- New bus stops were provided at the following Locations
- Father Mc Cullen Park
- Kells Business Park

12.1.4.5 Kells Road Races

Meath County Council working with Kells District Road races sought and received 350k under Specific Improvement Grant funding. The funding was used to upgrade a significant section of the R147 at the entrance to the Kells Business Park and 2.6km of L6825-0 (the Mountainpole road). These works were carried out to upgrade the relevant roads to the standard where the 2012 Kells road races could potentially be accommodated.

12.1.4.6 Kells Town Signage Scheme

The design stage element of the Kells signage scheme was completed in 2011 with a view to procurement and delivery in mid. 2012. The scheme will take full recognition of the M3 and N52 and the design as far as practicable takes the heritage status of the town into consideration.

New directional tourists signs to historic sites were erected throughout the town in 2011.

12.1.5 Sanitary Programme 2011

12.1.5.1 Water Main Rehabilitation Project

Under the scheme cast iron water mains and service connections were upgraded at the following locations:

- Maudlin Street
- Castle Street
- John Street
- Headfort Place
- Circular Road
- Cannon Street

12.2 NAVAN TOWN COUNCIL

Navan Town Council is the Local Authority for the Urban District of Navan and has nine directly elected Councillors. Cllr. Phil Brennan was the Mayor for the first half of 2011 and was succeeded by Cllr. Anton McCabe.

The Councillors on Navan Town Council in 2011 were as follows:

Name:	ADDRESS
Jim Holloway	Farganstown, Boyne Road, Navan, Co. Meath
Joe Reilly	Faghan Hill, Bohermeen, Navan, Co. Meath
Anton McCabe	90 Woodlands, Navan, Co. Meath
Francis Deane	5 Blackwater Drive, Navan, co. Meath
Shane Cassells	52 Oakleigh, Navan, Co. Meath
Caoimhe NiShluáin	Gibbstown, Navan, Co. Meath
Padraig Fitzsimons	Knowth House, Ratholdren, Navan, Co. Meath
Suzanne Jamal	'Rahmat', Flemington, Balrath, Co. Meath
Phil Brennan	41 Silverlawn, Navan, Co. Meath

12.2.1 Finance

Total Budgeted Revenue expenditure for 2011 was €9m.

The Annual Rate on Valuation in respect of 2011 adopted by Navan Town Council was €60.54. This figure was determined by The Boundary Alteration Order which came into force on 1st May, 2009 and stated that the Boundary Alteration proposed should be cost neutral to both Navan Town Council and Meath County Council. As a result Navan Town Council is obliged to increase its ARV by a set percentage from 2010 to 2015 in order to come in line with Meath County Council's ARV.

The following is a % breakdown of Budgeted Revenue Income for 2011



The Council's collection rates were

Commercial Rates	73%
Rents	75%

Payments to Council Members

Payments made to members under travelling & subsistence	€17,733.00
Payments to members in respect of conferences, seminars, etc.	€ 3,554.00
	€21,287.00

12.2.2 Recreation and Amenity

The Council awarded amenity grants in the sum of €23,600 to various residents' associations, sporting groups, theatrical groups, river rescues and organisations working with people with a disability, the youth and the elderly.

A further €800 was awarded for band performances.

12.2.3 Housing

There were 12 houses allocated this year and 1 application under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

In 2009, following consultation with the Councillors and in a response to a request from the DOECLG the Housing Department of Meath Co Council submitted a number of priority projects for consideration to the Department in respect of regeneration works.

Whilst the top priority on this list was the Townspark Remedial Works Scheme, the submission also included works on units at St Ultan's Tce, and St Brigid's Villas. While a design has been prepared in respect of the St Ultan's Tce, no approval has been received to date from the Department in respect of either of these projects.

12.2.4 Civic Receptions

The Mayor and Members of Navan Town Council held two Civic Receptions in 2011 to recognise the achievements of community groups or members of such groups.

- Athlumney Abbey Residents – in recognition of their achievements in the 2010 Co-operation Ireland All Island Pride of Place Competition.
- To mark the official opening of the Watergate Street/Market Square Enhancement Project.

12.2.5 Attendance at Conferences

Training Seminar for Councillors – Local Government Budget 2012 – Cllr. Jim Holloway

Public Speaking and Promotional Literature Design – Cllr. Suzanne Jamal.

AMAI Conference – Cllr. Anton McCabe and Cllr. Phil Brennan.

12.2.6 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 2011, approximately 40,000 people visited the centre.

In 2011, Meath Local Authorities sought permission from the National Museum to exhibit the remains of the market cross of Navan and after much preparation a loan agreement was reached which will see the stone on permanent display in its town of origin.

This late sixteenth century stone was found in 1849 by W. F. Wakeman at Trimgate Street, where it was used as a building stone in what was then a modern wall. It is 22 inches in height and eight inches square with depictions that include the Nangle coat of Arms and an Elizabethan costume. The Nangles were Barons of Navan and erected the market cross in the town, which was a common occurrence at the time, to indicate not only the location of the market place but also the place where people gathered to hear preachers, proclamations and public announcements. The ancient stone is on display at the Solstice Arts Centre following its return from the National Museum.



12.2.7 Joint Policing Committee

12.2.7.1 Public Meeting

Members of the public had the opportunity to voice their concerns on issues such as anti-social behaviour, safety, traffic matters etc. at the public meeting held in September 2011 at the Unity Centre, Windtown, Navan, Co Meath.

The JPC met three times in 2011 i.e. February, June and September.

12.2.7.2 Navan JPC Website Goes Live

The Navan Joint Policing Committee Website went live during the 3rd quarter of 2011. All the information relating to the JPC is available on the website. The site also allows members of the public to give feedback in a safe and secure environment. Access to the website can be made by logging on to www.navanjpc.ie.

12.2.7.3 CCTV Cameras

CCTV cameras were installed at nine locations throughout the Town of Navan. The Scheme costing in the region of €200,000 was jointly funded by the Department of Justice & Equality and Navan Town Council. Thanks must also be given to the Navan Chamber of Commerce who worked in collaboration with An Garda Síochána and Navan Town Council to deliver the project which will assist An Garda Síochána and the Town Council with anti-social behaviour, public order issues, Traffic Movements, Litter Offences etc.

12.2.7.4 Alcohol Free Town Status for Navan

The Navan Town Council (Regulation and Control of the Use, Consumption & Possession of Intoxicating Substances) in public places Bye-Laws 2011 came into operation on Monday 10th October 2011. These Bye-Laws prohibit the consumption of intoxicating liquor/substances in a public place.

A breach of the Bye-Laws will result in the issuing of a fixed fine charge in the amount of €75 and ultimately a person who contravenes the Bye-Laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,875.

12.2.7.5 Navan Joint Policing Committee Newsletter

The Navan Joint Policing Committee Newsletter was circulated to over 10,000 households in Navan. The feedback has been very positive in relation to the informative nature of the Newsletter which has been forwarded to a number of other Joint Policing Committees on request.

12.2.8 Major Projects

12.2.8.1 Market Square/Watergate Street Enhancement

The Market Square/Watergate Street Enhancement Scheme was officially opened by the Mayor Phil Brennan on 20th April 2011. The sculpture "The Bull" was unveiled by the Mayor and the Sculptor, Colin Grehan at the official opening.



12.2.8.2 Metges Lane Enhancement

Works commenced on Phase 1 of the Scheme which included the provision of ducting to cater for the decorative up lighters, upgrading of the water/waste water network and all associated works.

12.2.8.3 Navan Town Paint Scheme

The Paint Scheme launched this year, concentrated on Trimgate St and has been hugely successful, with over 25 premises availing of the Scheme itself. The Grant Scheme as agreed provided for an 80% contribution from the Local Authority and 20% from each participating business. The total cost to date has been €19,000 which includes a contribution of €4,000 approximately from each participating business.

12.2.8.4 Navan Town Pride of Place Competition

This year over 30 Residents Associations, 40 businesses, 12 Primary Schools, 15 community groups took part in the inaugural Navan Town Pride of Place Competition which invited everyone to make a real positive difference to the appearance of their estate, shop, street, community.

12.2.8.5 Sculpture Trail Points of Pride Walking Tour

Navan Town Council invested in a number of sculptures to form part of a unique Sculpture Trail of the Town. A major aspect of the Sculpture Trail is the exhibition of the only surviving section of the Navan Cross in the Solstice Arts Centre.



“Becoming”
by Betty Newman Maguire

12.2.8.6 Educational & Special Needs Play Area – Andy Brennan Park

Works commenced on the provision of an Educational & Special Needs Play area in the Andy Brennan Park Navan in the last quarter of 2011. This is another first for Navan as this is the first such Public Play Area in Ireland .

12.2.8.7 Navan Town Park

Contract Documents were signed for the development of the first phase of the Navan Town Park in the last quarter of 2011. The works include the provision of the entrance area and car park, looped walk of the Park and 3 grassed pitches.

12.2.9 Roadworks’ Programme

In 2011 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.



<i>Mullaghboy Industrial Estate</i>	<i>Installation of pedestrian crossing, Road resurfacing and new footpaths</i>
<i>Kennedy Place</i>	<i>Paving Repairs</i>
<i>Beechmount Housing Estate</i>	<i>Road Resurfacing</i>
<i>Walking Tour & Sculpture Trail</i>	<i>Footpath Repairs</i>
<i>Metges Lane</i>	<i>Upgrade of Road, footpaths and underground services</i>
<i>Silverlawns</i>	<i>Road Resurfacing and footpath repairs</i>
<i>Railway Street</i>	<i>Installation of Pedestrian crossing</i>
<i>Belcourt Housing Estate</i>	<i>Footpath Repairs</i>
<i>St Benildus Villas</i>	<i>Footpath Repairs</i>



12.3 TRIM TOWN COUNCIL

Trim Town Council is the Local Authority for the Urban District of Trim and has nine directly elected Councillors. Cllr. Trevor Golden was the Cathaoirleach for the first half of 2011 and was succeeded by Cllr. James O'Shea.

The Councillors on Trim Town Council in 2011 were as follows:

Name:	ADDRESS
Trevor Golden	Church Lane, Trim, Co. Meath
James O'Shea	Navangate, Trim, Co. Meath
Gerry Reilly	Teaguestown House, Effernock, Trim, Co. Meath
Vincent McHugh	Stokestown House, Laracor, Trim, Co. Meath
Donal O'Brien	74 Eldergrrove, Trim, Co. Meath
William Fay	Knightsbrook, Trim, Co. Meath
Philip Cantwell	"Villa Maria", Manorlands, Trim, Co. Meath
Ronan McKenna	6 Lackanash, Trim, Co. Meath
William Bligh	26 Friars Park, Trim, Co. Meath

In May, 2011 William Bligh was co-opted to the Council as a result of Ray Butler being elected to the Dáil. Trim Town Council is a key service provider in the expanding town of Trim while also providing a democratic and representational forum for the people of Trim.

12.3.1 Road Works Programme

During 2011 the roads and footpath Reconstruction and Restoration Programme continued with the undergrounding of all overhead cables on all streets that were reconstructed.

12.3.2 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. The highlight for the Town and the Council was Trim winning IBAL's Litter League being Ireland's cleanest town.

12.3.3 Trim Town Developments

The Council continued to work with the Chamber of Commerce on a number of projects such as the free parking in car parks on Saturdays, and free parking in all car parks for the month of December.

The Council and Chamber of Commerce also held the Inaugural "Walled Towns' Day Festival" on the 20th August.

Trim Town Council was proud host of the AMAI 99th Annual Conference. This was the first time the conference was held in Trim with up to 200 delegates converging on the town for the three day conference.

12.3.4 Trim Joint Policing Committee

Trim Joint Policing Committee was formally established in January, 2011, the Committee developed and launched its Action Plan throughout 2011. Trim Joint Policing Committee is an important vehicle in communicating with, protecting and uniting our communities. There are a total of 18 Members of the Trim Joint Policing Committee. This is made up of 9 Elected Members from Trim Town Council, 2 Oireachtas Members, 3 Community Reps, The Superintendent, Inspector, Trim Town Manager and Trim Town Clerk. Cllr. Ronan McKenna was nominated as Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee.



13 APPENDIX 1: SPC MEMBERS

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Cllr. Gerry O'Connor	23 The Downs, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath.	Cllr. Dunshaughlin Area	01-8259034 087-2838311	GOConnor@members.meathcoco.ie
Cllr. Jenny McHugh	Laracor, Trim, Co Meath.	Cllr. Navan Area	046-9431775 086-0414217	jmchugh@members.meathcoco.ie
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14 APPENDIX 2: SPC ACTIVITIES

Activities of the Strategic Policy Committees 2011		
Name	Meetings Held	Report on Activities
Environment & Emergency Services	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of North East Regional Waste Management Plan; • North East Waste Region submission to National Waste Policy Review • Strategic Infrastructure Development applications: • Basketstown Landfill; • Council Laboratories; • EPA National Waste Report 2009; • EPA Water Quality in Ireland Report 2007 – 2009; • RMCEI Plan 2011; • Water Framework Directive; • Shellfish Directive; • Bathing Waters Guidance document. • Update of the River Basin District Management Plans-Water Framework Directive and Report on Drinking Water Source Protection • Fire Safety Inspections/Audits • Update on the operation of Meath Dog Pound • Update on County Veterinary Service
Infrastructural Development	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Maintenance Plan • Non Domestic Water Metering Project • Maintenance of Roundabouts • 2011 Roadworks Programme • Flood Risk Assessment
Planning & Economic Development	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Development Contribution scheme • Discussion on incentives to promote early payment of Development Contributions • Strategic issues papers for the County Development plan • Updates on CDP review process • Data Protection and Guidance to planning applicants • Variation No 12 Core Strategy • Green Infrastructure • Update on Quarry Regulation • Updates on Forward Planning projects
Housing, Social, Cultural & Community	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive a report on the 2011 Social Housing Assessment Regulations which set out details of new processes for the carrying out of Social assessments and information in relation to the statutory housing assessment 2011. • Casual Vacancies in Housing Stock • Draft Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Allocation for 2011 • Installation of prepaid gas or electricity meters in residential properties including Local Authority Houses • To receive a report on the statutory 3 year Housing Needs Assessment • To receive an up to date report on Casual Vacancies • Installation of prepaid gas or electricity meters • To receive a report on the final Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Allocation for 2011



15 APPENDIX 3: COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

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	Cllr. Joe Fox	Fine Gael	Clondoogan, Summerhill, Co Meath.	046-9557545 087-2631318
The Mid East Regional Authority.	Cllr. Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co Meath	049-8542774 087-2795741
	Cllr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael	Loughbracken, Drumconrath, Navan, Co Meath.	041-6854487 086-8800866
	Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Non Party	Warrenstown, Killock, Co. Meath.	01-8749731 01-8251847 087-2508247
	Cllr. Jim Holloway	Fine Gael	Farganstown, Boyne Road, Navan, Co. Meath.	046-9028915 046-9028661 086-2355236
	Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	Fianna Fáil	Clonfane, Trim, Co. Meath.	046-9431146 046-9431177 087-8304646
	Cllr. William Carey	Fine Gael	Newcastle, Enfield, Co Meath.	046-9541064 046-9549066 085-7135073
	Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Labour	Ballivor, Co Meath.	046-9567641 086-8781785
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Cllr. Jenny McHugh	Labour	Laracor, Trim, Co Meath.	046-9431775 086-0414217
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	Cllr. Eoin Holmes	Labour	Blackhill, Heathstown, Stamullen, Co Meath.	087-2242765
Meath Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	Cllr. Francis Deane	Non-Party	5 Blackwater Drive, Navan, Co Meath.	046-9023696 046-9022587 086-1234856
	Cllr. William Carey	Fine Gael	Newcastle, Enfield, Co Meath.	046-9541064 046-9549066 085-7135073
	Cllr. Maria Murphy	Fine Gael	3 The Close, Lutterell Hall, Dunboyne, Co Meath.	01-8252182 087-6579895
Regional Advisory Council Teagasc	Cllr. Jenny McHugh	Labour	Laracor, Trim, Co Meath.	046-9431775 086-0414217
	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael	Possextown, Nobber, Co Meath.	046-9052116 086-3717686



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	Cllr. William Carey	Fine Gael	Newcastle, Enfield, Co Meath.	046-9541064 046-9549066 085-7135073
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Audit Committee	Cllr. Maria Murphy	Fine Gael	3 The Close, Lutterell Hall, Dunboyne, Co Meath.	01-8252182 087-6579895
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Cllr. Wayne Harding		Fianna Fáil	The Village Inn, Slane, Co Meath.	041-9824230 087-9905585
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	Cllr. William Carey	Fine Gael	Newcastle, Enfield, Co Meath.	046-9541064 046-9549066 085-7135073
	Cllr. Jim Holloway	Fine Gael	Farganstown, Boyne Road, Navan, Co. Meath.	046-9028915 046-9028661 086-2355236
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	Charlie Traynor		Farganstown, Navan, Co Meath.	
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	Damien English			
	Regina Doherty			
	Dominic Hannigan			
	Shane McEntee			
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	Cllr. Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co Meath.	049-8542774 087-2795741
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	Cllr. Nick Killian	Fianna Fáil	Ballybin, Ratoath, Ashbourne, Co Meath.	01-8256700 086-8109018
Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly	Cllr. Jim Holloway	Fine Gael	Farganstown, Boyne Road, Navan, Co. Meath.	046-9028915 046-9028661 086-2355236
	Cllr. Jimmy Fegan	Fianna Fáil	Clonfane, Trim, Co. Meath.	046-9431146 046-9431177 087-8304646
Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd	Cllr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael	Loughbracken, Drumconrath, Navan, Co Meath.	041-6854487 086-8800866
	Cllr. Nick Killian	Fianna Fáil	Ballybin, Ratoath, Ashbourne, Co Meath.	01-8256700 086-8109018
	Cllr. Joe Reilly	Sinn Féin	Faughan Hill, Bohermeen, Navan, Co Meath.	087-2478508
	Cllr. John V Farrelly	Fine Gael	Hurdlestown, Kells, Co Meath.	046-9241290 046-9073737 086-2585154 Fax: 046-9241311



	Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Labour	Ballivor, Co Meath.	046-9567641 086-8781785
Name of Committee	Name	Party	Address	Telephone No.
Mid-East Regional Tourism Organisation	Cllr. John V Farrelly	Fine Gael	Hurdlestown, Kells, Co Meath.	046-9241290 046-9073737 0862585154 Fax: 046-9241311
Meath Arts Forum	Cllr. Maria Murphy	Fine Gael	3 The Close, Lutterell Hall, Dunbooyne, Co Meath.	01-8252182 087-6579895
	Cllr. Joe Fox	Fine Gael	Clondoogan, Summerhill, Co Meath.	046-9557545 087-2631318
	Cllr. Eoin Holmes	Labour	Blackhill, Heathstown, Stamullen, Co Meath.	087-2242765
	Cllr. Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co Meath.	049-8542774 087-2795741
Meath Tourism Ltd(Directors)	Cllr. John V Farrelly	Fine Gael	Hurdlestown, Kells, Co Meath.	046-9241290 046-9073737 086-2585154 Fax: 046-9241311
	Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Labour	Ballivor, Co Meath.	046-9567641 086-8781785
Athboy Social Needs & Recreational Company Ltd	Cllr. Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co Meath	049-8542774 087-2795741
	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael	Possextown, Nobber, Co Meath	046-9052116 086-3717686
Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd	Cllr. John V Farrelly	Fine Gael	Hurdlestown, Kells, Co Meath.	046-9241290 046-9073737 086-2585154 Fax: 046-9241311
	Cllr. Bryan Reilly	Fianna Fáil	Rockfield Rd, Kells, Co Meath.	046-9240122 086-2599184
Meath Heritage Forum	Cllr. William Carey	Fine Gael	Newcastle, Enfield, Co Meath.	046-9541064 046-9549066 085-7135073
	Cllr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher	Fine Gael	Loughbracken, Drumconrath, Navan, Co Meath.	041-6854487 086-8800866
	Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Labour	Ballivor, Co Meath.	046-9567641 086-8781785
	Cllr. Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil	The Village Inn, Slane, Co Meath.	041-9824230 087-9905585
	Cllr. Oliver Fox	Fianna Fáil	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co Meath.	049-8542774 087-2795741
Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd (Directors)	Cllr. Ray Butler	Fine Gael	7 Swift Court, Trim, Co Meath.	046-9437589 086-1012088
	Cllr. Tracy McElhinney	Labour	Ballivor, Co Meath.	046-9567641 086-8781785
Ashbourne Cemetery Committee	Cllr. Niamh McGowan	Labour	3 Hunter's Lane, Ashbourne, Co Meath.	086-2244666
	Cllr. Joe Bonner	Non-Party	Milltown Rd, Donaghmore, Ashbourne, Co Meath.	01-7018178 087-9749563
Indaver Community Liaison Committee	Cllr. Eoin Holmes	Labour	Blackhill, Heathstown, Stamullen, Co Meath.	087-2242765
	Cllr. Jimmy Cudden	Non-Party	23 St Cianan's Villas, Duleek, Co Meath.	041-9823353 086-8246484



Name of Committee	Name	Party	Address	Telephone No.
Protocol Committee	Clr. Ann Dillon Gallagher	Fine Gael		
	Clr. Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael		
	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. Ann Dillon Gallagher	Fine Gael		

16 APPENDIX 4: PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS OF MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

Payments to Members of Meath County Council	
Annual Councillors Expenses (Travel & Subsistence)	€172,685.79
Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach Allowances	€ 39,000.00
Allowances paid to Chairpersons of Strategic Policy Committees	€ 24,000.00
Members Representational Payments (subject to taxation)	€476,633.98
Total expenditure for Home (€31, 720.33) and Abroad (€9,026.19) Conferences	€40,746.52
Conferences –Home (€22,393.33) and Abroad (€2,288.20) Travelling and Subsistence	€24,681.53
Miscellaneous Expenses	€6,634.79

17 APPENDIX 5: CONFERENCES ABROAD

List Approved Abroad Conferences and members who attended in 2011		
Title	Dates	Members Attended
St Patrick's Day – New York	March 2011	Clr. John V Farrelly
		Clr. Jimmy Fegan
		Clr. Ann Dillon Gallagher
St Patrick's Day – London	March 2011	Clr. William Carey
		Clr. Wayne Harding
East Border Region – Brussels (subsistence only)	October 2011	Clr. John V Farrelly



18 APPENDIX 6: CONFERENCES AT HOME

Title	Dates	Members Attended
The Role of State Institutions & Law Reform in Promoting Irelands Economic Future	28/01/2011 – 29/01/2011	Clr. Suzanne Jamel Clr. Jenny McHugh Clr. Wayne Harding
Local Authority Water Supply	28/01/2011 – 30/01/2011	Clr. Tracy McElhinney
A Practical guide to Media skills for Councillors	04/03/2011 – 06/03/2011	Clr. Tommy Reilly Clr. Wayne Harding Clr. Jimmy Fegan
Employment Law & Insurance Issues – the consequences for you and your Local Authority	04/03/2011 – 06/03/2011	Clr. Noel Leonard
Atlantic Corridor 2011	10/03/2011	Clr. Tracy McElhinney
The Local Government Planning Service	11/03/2011 – 13/03/2011	Clr. Tommy Reilly Clr. Noel Leonard Clr. Jenny McHugh
Equal Status Legislation and its effect on service provision in Local Authorities	18/03/2011 – 20/03/2011	Clr. Jenny McHugh
Rebuilding confidence in urban & rural communities	24/03/2011 – 25/03/2011	Clr. Tracy McElhinney Clr. William Carey
How to be an effective Chairperson	01/04/2011 – 03/04/2011	Clr. Noel Leonard Clr. Tommy Reilly Clr. Jimmy Fegan
Training for Elected Members on Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010	11/04/2011	Clr. Joe Reilly Clr. James Holloway
The Future of Local Politics	15/04/2011 – 17/04/2011	Clr. Suzanne Jamal Clr. James Holloway
LAMA Spring Seminar – Economic Revival: A Role for Local Government	29/04/2011 – 30/04/2011	Clr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher Clr. Suzanne Jamal Clr. Nick Killian Clr. William Carey
Public Speaking & Promotional Literature Design	13/05/2011 – 15/05/2011	Clr. Wayne Harding Clr. Jimmy Fegan
Renewable Energy Local Government can make a difference	03/06/2011 – 05/06/2011	Clr. James Holloway
Legislation for the reform of Local Government	12/08/2011 – 14/08/2011	Clr. William Carey Clr. Jenny McHugh Clr. Jimmy Cudden
Local Government promoting Renewable Energy	19/08/2011 – 21/08/2011	Clr. William Carey
Domestic Water Meters for Ireland	09/09/2011 – 11/09/2011	Clr. Tommy Reilly Clr. Jimmy Fegan
AMAI – 98 th Annual Conference	08/09/2011 – 10/09/2011	Clr. William Carey Clr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher Clr. John Farrelly Clr. Tracy McElhinney Clr. Maria Murphy Clr. Brian Fitzgerald Clr. Joe Fox
LAMA Autumn Seminar 2011 – The Role of Tourism in Economic Recovery	23/09/2011 – 25/09/2011	Clr. Suzanne Jamal Clr. Noel Leonard Clr. Jimmy Cudden Clr. James Holloway
Housing Ireland 2020	28/09/2011 – 29/09/2011	Clr. Brian Fitzgerald



Title	Dates	Members Attended
2011 La Touche Legacy Seminar	30/09/2011 – 02/10/2011	Cllr. John Farrelly
Local Government & Planning Seminar	07/10/2011 – 09/10/2011	Cllr. Jenny McHugh Cllr. Francis Deane
Getting a Grip 2011 – Substance Misuse – A Health or Criminal Justice Issue?	06/10/2011 – 07/10/2011	Cllr. Ann Dillon-Gallagher
Local Government Powers to Create/Abolish Rights of Way	04/11/2011 – 06/11/2011	Cllr. Jenny McHugh
Waste Water Discharge, Control design, operation and maintenance	11/11/2011 – 13/11/2011	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
The Local Government Budget 2012	18/11/2011 – 20/11/2011	Cllr. Francis Deane Cllr. Jenny McHugh
Tourism – The Potential for Economic Growth	24/11/2011 – 26/11/2011	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy Cllr. James Holloway Cllr. Francis Deane
Water Services (Amendment) Bill 2011	09/12/2011 – 11/12/2011	Cllr. Francis Deane
Local Government (Charges) Act 2009	16/12/2011 – 18/12/2011	Cllr. Wayne Harding
European Waste Water Laws – Irish Governments decision to license septic tanks	29/09/2011	Cllr. Joseph Bonner
The 31 st Annual McGill Summer School	27/07/2011	Cllr. Joseph Bonner

19 APPENDIX 7: MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL - 2011

Monthly Meetings	11
Special Meetings	5
Annual	1
Pre Budget and Budget	2
Protocol	11
CPG	11
SPC – Environment	4
SPC - Infrastructure	2
SPC – Social, Community & Culture	2
SPC – Planning & Economic	4
Area - Dunshaughlin	14
- Kells	8
- Navan	11
- Slane	11
- Trim	11



20 APPENDIX 8: ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Meath County Council Annual Financial Report 2011		
Expenditure	Revenue (€m)	Capital (€m)
Housing & Building	11.937	14.541
Roads Transportation & Safety	27.253	24.955
Water & Sewerage	22.996	14.808
Development Incentives & Controls	8.622	0.649
Environmental Protection	16.538	0.574
Recreation & Amenity	5.516	1.380
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	8.395	0.253
Miscellaneous	12.581	1.113
Total	113.838	58.044
Income (See funding sources below)	58.881	40.731
Net Transfers		3.706
Net Revenue Cost to be funded from County	(54.957)	
Rates	24.749	
Local Government Fund & Pension Related Deduction	25.351	
Charges to Urbans	5.055	
Transfer from (to) Reserves	(4.960)	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1.474	(13.607)
Opening Balance (01/01/10)	(8.330)	44.991
Closing Balance	(6.856)	31.384
Funding Sources	Revenue (€m)	Capital (€m)
State Grants & Subsidies	28.750	34.472
Borrowings		
Other Receipts		6.260
Rents from Houses	7.159	
Housing Loans	1.420	
Commercial Water and Sewerage	4,607	
Planning Fees	0.617	
Recreation & Amenity Activities	0.190	
Fire Charges	0.624	
Pension Contributions	1.275	
NPPR	1.095	



Miscellaneous	13.144	
Total	58.881	40.731
Members allowances and expenses for Conferences (€)		
	€	
Chairman's and SPC Chairs Allowance	63,080	
Councillors' Gratuities	97,000	
Member's Expenses/Salaries	678,828	
Attendance at Conferences abroad	3,789	