

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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Foreword

We are pleased to present Meath County Council's Annual Report 2019, which outlines the achievements and activities of the Council during the year. Overall, it was a successful and busy year with our pro-active, pro-enterprise and pro-customer approach yielding positive results across all service delivery areas. In adopting a budget of €124 million, the main objective was to ramp-up investment in services and provide additional resources in critical and emerging areas.

Responding to the national housing situation locally remained a challenge in 2019. The Council was set a target of delivering 1,251 additional social housing units between 2017 and 2021 and is working towards this through various delivery streams, while in excess of 1,100 households had their accommodation needs met by the Council in 2019.

The focus on driving the economic development of the county through the implementation of the Council's Economic Development Strategy 2014-2022 continued to generate positive results, despite the uncertainties of Brexit.

The good news for the business community was that commercial rates remained unchanged and we continued the support for small businesses through the very successful Small Business Support Scheme. The Valuation Office also completed the process of revaluing all rateable properties in Meath during 2019.

The Council adopted its Climate Action Strategy in 2019, which includes both mitigation and adaptation measures. A key part of the plan is the engagement with citizen stakeholders, in terms of making a sustainable difference, and this is being driven by additional staff resources put in place.

In parallel, the creation of sustainable and resilient communities is an important part of the vision we have for Meath and many of our essential services and the initiatives implemented in 2019, enhance the well-being and quality of life of our residents and communities.

A key focus for the Council is on being an employer of choice, to retain and attract skilled people and to support the welfare, learning and development requirements of staff. Our workforce expanded in 2019 and continues to be a priority.

Finally, 2019 was a local election year and we saw the retirement of a number of Councillors, while others were unsuccessful in the election. We thank the Councillors that served during 2019, the Chairpersons and members of the Strategic Policy Committees, Management Team and Staff, for their co-operation during the year. All the achievements outlined in this Annual Report would not have been possible without their support and commitment to the delivery of services to the people of County Meath.



Cllr. Wayne Harding
Cathaoirleach









Jackie Maguire
Chief Executive

Local Elections 2019 – Elected Members 2019-2024

Following the Local Elections on Friday, May 24, the following Councillors were elected for the six Municipal Districts in Meath County Council for the 2019-2024 term of office:

Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors

	Bonner	Joe	Non-Party
	Jamal	Suzanne	Fine Gael
	O'Rourke	Darren	Sinn Féin
	Smith	Amanda	Non-Party
	Tobin	Alan	Fine Gael
	Tormey	Conor	Fianna Fáil

Kells Municipal District Councillors

	Bray	Mike	Fianna Fáil
	Cassidy	Eugene	Fine Gael
	Drew	Sean	Fianna Fáil
	Gilroy	David	Non-Party
	Guirke	Johnny	Sinn Féin
	McCabe	Paul	Fianna Fáil
	Reilly	Sarah	Fine Gael

Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District Councillors

	Behan	Tom	Fianna Fáil
	Harding	Wayne	Fianna Fáil
	Hoey	Annie	Labour
	Keogan	Sharon	Non-Party
	McKee	Stephen	Fianna Fáil
	Meade	Paddy	Fine Gael
	Tolan	Sharon	Fine Gael

Navan Municipal District Councillors

	Adenuga	Annie	Fine Gael
	Deane	Francis	Non-Party
	Fitzsimons	Padraig	Fianna Fáil
	Fennessy	Edward	Sinn Féin
	Lawes	Alan	Non-Party
	Reilly	Tommy	Fianna Fáil
	Tóibín	Emer	Aontú

Ratoath Municipal District Councillors

	Fitzgerald	Brian	Non-Party
	Geraghty-Smith	Deirdre	Fianna Fáil
	Killian	Nick	Non-Party
	Murphy	Maria	Fine Gael
	O'Connor	Gerry	Fine Gael
	O'Reilly	Damien	Fianna Fáil
	Toole	Gillian	Fine Gael

Trim Municipal District Councillors

	Dempsey	Aisling	Fianna Fáil
	Fox	Joe	Fine Gael
	French	Noel	Fine Gael
	Golden	Trevor	Non-Party
	Moore	Ronan	Social Democrats
	Souhan	Niamh	Fine Gael

2019 - Highlights

Celebrating 120 Years of Meath County Council

An exhibition and re-enactment was held as a celebration of 120 years of Meath County Council on the Anniversary of the first Local Government Elections in 1899.



Meath County Council came into existence on Saturday, April 22 1899, when the elected representatives met together for the first time in the Courthouse in Trim and we celebrated the 120th anniversary of this at the exact same location in Trim Courthouse and gave a flavour of the history of the Council and its significance in the growth and development of the county.

Council welcomes delegates from Sister City Guiyang

On September 20th, Meath County Council welcomed the Governor of Guizhou Province, Ms Shen Yiqin, and the Mayor of Guiyang City, Mayor Chen Yan and other senior officials to Buvinda House. Meath has a Sister-City agreement with Guiyang stretching back five years. Council representatives met with the delegation and successfully explored opportunities for future cooperation.



During the visit, a new guide produced by Boyne Valley Tourism in Chinese was launched by Councillor David Gilroy, Chairperson Boyne Valley Tourism.

Official Opening of Ashbourne Linear Park

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Wayne Harding, officially opened the Ashbourne Linear Park alongside Cathaoirleach of Ashbourne MD Councillor Alan Tobin, and Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive.



The park, which is an important piece of community infrastructure for the town, saw the Council invest nearly €1 million to provide new and up-graded playgrounds for the children of Ashbourne.

Official Sod Turning of the Farganstown Access Road Project

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Wayne Harding and Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government Damien English turned the sod to officially mark the construction on the €8.4 million Farganstown Access Road on Monday, October 21st.



The construction of the access road will open up 91 hectares of land for development, 11.6 hectares of which is in the ownership of Meath County Council. Once the road is in place, the first phase of development will see 445 homes being provided, with a good mix of social, affordable and private homes in the overall numbers. There is potential to deliver up to 1,600 new homes in the area.

Corporate Services

The Corporate Services Department works within a framework of democratic principles, providing services to the Elected Members, the management of meetings and the preparation of the Register of Electors. It also facilitates the delivery of services to the public, through our customer services team, the management of corporate facilities, safety and health procedures and supports effective corporate governance practices. It also manages communications and media relations, corporate events, twinning and relations with a number of relevant bodies.

1.1 Meeting Administration

The Local Elections were held on Friday, May 24, 2019. The elections in Meath were coordinated by Corporate Services, under the direction of Returning officer, Des Foley. This included the maintenance of the Register of Electors, accepting nominations, printing of ballot papers and managing the count.

The new Council was convened on Friday, June 7, 2019, and each Municipal District held its first meetings in June. Corporate Services managed all full Council and Municipal District meetings during 2019 and provided induction training for the newly Elected Members and further training for members that are board members of bodies under the aegis of the Council.

A new Strategic Policy Committee scheme was adopted in 2019 and the Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2024 was adopted by the full Council in December 2019.

1.2 Register of Electors

The Corporate Services Department manages the on-going capture of information, quality control, publication and distribution of the Register of Electors and the Marked Register for the Local Elections. The Register of Electors was published in February 2019. The following gives details of the various categories of Electors in the County:

Dáil Electors	141,147
Presidential Electors	139,698
European Electors	142,891
Local Electors	145,276
Postal Voters	457

The Local and European Elections were held on Friday 24th May 2019.

The following is a breakdown of the Local Electors in each Local Electoral Area in 2019:

Ashbourne	20,837
Kells	25,983
Laytown-Bettystown	24,848
Navan	22,807
Ratoath	25,413
Trim	25,388


1.3 Corporate Governance

The Council's corporate governance policies and procedures are coordinated by the Corporate Services Department. In 2019, it drafted and implemented a new Risk Management Policy, convened a new Risk Committee and oversaw the completion of the Corporate and Departmental Risk Registers.

New Corporate Plan 2019-2024

Meath County Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2024 was also adopted by the full Council in December, following an extensive internal and external consultation process. Progress was also achieved in implementation of the out-going Corporate Plan, as outlined in the Service Delivery Plan progress report.

Strategic Objectives 2019-2024

 Deliver Excellent Public Services to our Citizens	Meath County Council will focus on providing essential services to improve the quality of life and well-being of people and the prosperity of businesses in the county.
 Lead Economic Development, Support Enterprise and Employment Creation	Meath County Council will be the lead agency in developing the local economy, with a focus on attracting investment and the creation and retention of jobs in the county.
 Provide a blend of Solutions to the Complex Housing Challenges at Local Level	Meath County Council will support delivery of a range of solutions to meet the various housing needs, including private, social, affordable, right-size and accessible housing.
 Support the Transition to a Low Carbon Economy and Lead on Climate Action	Meath County Council will effect positive change at local level on the national transition objective to a low carbon future and on climate resilience.
 Engage the Wider Community, Increase Participation and work to make Meath an Age Friendly County	Meath County Council will be available to listen, inform and engage with the citizens of Meath. The Council will work to increase community engagement and social inclusion and future-proof what we do to enable the development of sustainable communities.
 Build Strong, Influential Partnerships to Maximise the County's Potential	Meath County Council will build strong influential partnerships with key stakeholders, to protect and enhance the reputation of the Council and support the delivery of its strategic objectives.
 Develop Organisational Capability through Innovation and Staff Excellence	Meath County Council will innovate to seek improvements in how it delivers services, including digital services and nurture a culture to make it an employer of choice in the region, where staff are proud to work in its progressive environment.

The Department also up-dated the Council’s Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and a number of Protocols on: Twinning; Commemorations; Civic Events; the Office of An Cathaoirleach; and Deputations at MD Meeting, which were adopted by the Elected Members.

A new Audit Committee was established, following the local elections, with two external members having retired and two new members joining the committee.

1.4 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) Act 2014.

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 Freedom of Information Act 2014 requires Freedom of Information (FOI) bodies such as Meath County Council to publish a disclosure log, which contains details of the types of requests received under FOI and the decisions made by the body in response to those requests. Disclosures are listed on the Council’s website www.meath.ie

The following are the 2019 statistics relating to Freedom of Information requests:

Applications Received	202
Carried forward from 2018	17
Total	219
No. of requests Granted	85
No. of requests Part Granted	65
No. of requests Refused	41
Requests Transferred	01
Requests Withdrawn	11
Requests dealt with outside FOI	04
Live Cases at end of 2019	12
No. of Internal Reviews	07
No. of Appeals to Information Commissioner	03

1.5 Data Protection

The coming into force of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018 has placed additional obligation on Meath County Council in protecting the data that it processes. The Council has put in place a suite of new processes to ensure its compliance and the Council’s Data Protection Unit was revamped during 2019, including the appointment of a new Data Protection Officer.

In 2019, the Unit dealt with the following incidents/requests:

- Data Subject Access Requests (DSAR) processed by Unit = 14
- Data Breach Notifications (DBN) reported to Unit = 20
- DBN Reported to Office of Data Protection Commission = 1

Other work of the unit in 2019 included the implementation of a Clean Desk Audit of all workstations in Buvinda House, which resulted in a series of recommendations on improving the storage of records and IT equipment in various departments and the rolling-out of an internal communications campaign to improve awareness of the importance of data protection. The unit also provides awareness training for new staff.

In 2018, the Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) issued a questionnaire to all local authorities on use of CCTV and other new technologies and they followed up by carrying out audits of 6 local authorities in 2019. While Meath County Council has yet to be advised of a date for a similar audit by the DPC, the Data Protection Unit continue to engage with and issue guidance to all departments within the council operating CCTV and other technologies on how to prepare for a DPC Audit and how best to comply with GDPR requirements in the operation of CCTV and all new technologies.

1.6 Ethics Registrar

The role of Ethics Registrar is set out in Part 15 of Local Government Act, 2001. During 2019, the number of:

- Possible Part 15 Contraventions notified = 1
- Complaints referred to Chief Executive and/or Cathaoirleach = 1
- Investigations carried out = 1
- Cases for disciplinary action/referred to appropriate external bodies = 0

1.7 Customer Services

Through its Customer Service Plan, Meath County Council is committed to delivering the best possible care to our customers. Above all else, people expect and deserve courtesy, sensitivity, a unique response to their needs and the minimum delay when contacting their County Council.

The Customer Service Team provides assistance and information on queries at the first point of customer contact, with more detailed matters being dealt with by service departments, through the Council's Customer Relations Management (CRM) system.

The Council's call centre handled a total of 114,141 calls in 2019. Of these 66,841 were dealt with directly by the Customer Service Team, a further 44,493 were handled by other service departments, while 2,807 were abandoned.

The CRM system also tracks Members Representations, with 4,283 submitted in 2019 and 3,708 being resolved.

In order to track its level of service, the Customer Service public counter would also deal with an approximate 135 customers face-to-face each day (based on a manual count conducted in September 2019)

1.8 Communications and Corporate Events

The Corporate Services Department plays a key role in ensuring accurate, timely and relevant information is made available to the public, Councillors and Council staff. A range of communication channels are used to ensure information is accessible and widely available.

To reflect the changing environment within which the Council operates and the increasing strategic importance of communications, the Council established a new unit for Communications and Events in 2019. This unit includes a designated media and communications officer and works to a strategic programme for communications and engagement with stakeholders.

Social media provides the Council with opportunities to communicate information in a less traditional format. In 2019, the Council continued the development of its social media communications to allow information, Council alerts, press releases, upcoming events or public announcements to be communicated to the widest possible audience and at the most appropriate times for maximum impact. At the end of 2019, the Council recorded the following numbers in relation to social media followers: Facebook: 14,264; LinkedIn: 2,363; Twitter: 8,862.

Phase I of the revamped Council website was launched in 2019. This was a collaboration between the IT and Corporate Services Departments.

Civic and Other Events

The Corporate Services Communications and Events Unit also manages the organisation of all corporate events and provides external groups with Event Management Guidelines for non-Council events. In 2019, 60 applications for external events were administered including the processing of road closures and rolling road closures.



FAI Festival of Football Civic Reception in July

A number of commemorative events including the centenary of the first Dáil (in January) and 120 years of local government in Ireland (in April) were organised in 2019. The Council also hosted other corporate events such as the reception for the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and its Festival of

Football 2019 (in July), and the official visit by the Chinese Delegation from Guizhou Province and Guiyang City (in September) and the unit facilitated the civic recognition events agreed by the full Council and by the Municipal Districts and supported other Departments, on an agency basis, in organising their events.



Official Opening of Buvinda Remembrance Garden

1.9 Occupational Safety and Health

Meath County Council continued to improve its Safety Management System to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of our employees, contractors and members of the public. The success of the Safety Management System was accomplished through the continual commitment of employees and external interested parties.

Safety Management System

Legal and operationally required occupational safety and health (OSH) documentation was reviewed and as relevant updated to ensure compliance. A continuous risk assessment programme for the completion, review, update and communication of risk assessments is in place and implemented within all Sections.

Regulatory Inspections

The Health and Safety Authority (H.S.A) completed 16 No. Regulatory Inspections:

16 No. Inspections	11 No. Internal (MCC) Operations
	5 No. External (Contractor) Operations

OSH Incident Summary

The reporting of incidents is an important element of our Safety Management System and is used as a tool for identifying areas for continual improvement. A total of 75 incidents were reported during 2019:

No. of Accidents	33 No.	The greatest number of incidents were reported in related to vehicle movements; driving, violence and aggression and slip, trip and fall.
No. of Incidents	29 No.	
No. of Near Misses	13 No.	

OSH Training and Awareness

Training is a key element of promoting a positive safety culture and developing good safety practices on site. The training courses held included Safe Pass, IOSH Managing Safely in Construction, Driver CPS, Chain Saw, Asbestos Awareness, First Aid Responder, Manual Handling and Locating Underground Services training. Internal briefings were also held on construction management, school wardens and fire safety awareness and registers.

Communication, Consultation and Participation

The Council consults and communicates with employees using the following methods:

- Preparation of Risk Assessments and Safety Procedures
- Quarterly safety reports;
- Safety representatives;
- Safety Monitoring Groups;
- Safety Management Committee meetings; and
- Management Team meetings.

The Safety Monitoring Group Meetings were held with each Section on a six-monthly basis, this allowed for specific safety issues to be discussed and addressed.

Safety Management Committee Meetings were held four times during the year to address issues on a Corporate basis and any specific safety issues raised at the Safety Monitoring Group Meetings which may impact on a Corporate basis. This meeting is also used evaluate compliance with safety and legislation and to review progress on the Annual Continual Improvement Programme.

A number of tool box talks and safety alerts were issued as relevant across Sections, these included working with bitumen, vibration, manual handling, hand injuries, LOTO.

The intranet is used as a communication tool for up to date content of the Safety Management System.

OSH Monitoring

OSH audits and inspections of direct and contractor operations were routinely undertaken across all sections of the Council. These reviews assist in achieving our OSH objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to improve the effectiveness of safety management through continuous improvement.

Meath County Fire and Rescue Services maintained certification to ISO 45001:2018 Occupational health and safety management systems.

Information Systems

During 2019, the Information Systems Department continued to deliver business improvement projects across the entire organisation while maintaining its focus on operational stability and information security.

2.1 Strategic Actions

The key strategic objectives of the department in 2019 were to:

- Embed information as a core asset of the organisation which is valued and maintained accordingly and is easily accessible to support decision making at all levels.
- Support core business processes with integrated software systems that are prioritised on the basis of delivering our strategic objectives.
- Ensure information and services are readily accessible to customers via the most appropriate channels.

2.2 Key Achievements

During 2019, the Information Systems Department continued to deliver business improvement projects across the entire organisation while maintaining its focus on information security, operational stability and support (6000 IT Helpdesk requests; 18,000 cases on CRM).

- A completely redeveloped version of the main website was launched with a customer-centric, responsive design, including many new facilities and an enhanced user interface. This new version doubled the number of visitors and forms the platform for ongoing new developments, providing digital online service channels for customers.
- Significant work on progressing the exit from the LGMA National Forest was completed, migrating out 400 computers and over 950 accounts.
- Major improvements of the security infrastructure were implemented. The perimeter firewalls in Buvinda House and in all connected sites were replaced. This included replacing our remote access and web content filtering solutions. To complement this a security and event management system was installed to monitor proactively 24/7/365 the network for suspicious events and report vulnerabilities.
- Upgrade of our Microsoft environment continued, with Microsoft Enterprise Agreement through the LGMA.
- Upgrading of servers, databases and operating systems continued, and a major laptop and PC replacement and encryption project was started.
- Systems were developed and implemented pre- and post- Local Elections in May 2019, involving staff from all sections of the Information Systems department:
 - Extracts from the Electoral Register enabled postal votes and lists in polling-stations.
 - Equipment improved the efficiency of the Count Centre and facilitated returns.
 - A dedicated website was created to present election results
 - New councillors were provided with modern tablets, and a new document management system.
- Preparation of both hardcopy and online version of Draft County Development Plan, for public display on December 18th, including interactive Land Use Zoning Settlement Maps and Specific Objectives.

- The use of our online consultation portal was widened to accept submissions on numerous public consultations during 2019, including our Draft County Development Plan, which attracted many submissions.
- Tender for the provision and installation of a new Geographical Information Systems Platform was published, analysed and awarded, with Meath County Council acting as the lead authority in collaboration with Cavan, Leitrim, Longford, Louth and Monaghan County Councils.
- Preparation for the provision and implementation of an enterprise CRM solution, in collaboration with Limerick and Kildare County Councils.
- Implementation of data analytics platforms, with a number of projects supporting data-driven timely decision making across the Council.
- Substantial progress continued on rolling out platforms to facilitate secure mobile working, facilitating over 3,000 mobile inspections in the Housing, Environment, Planning and Health and Safety areas. Increased activity led to Audit by Housing Department, which was then expedited and successful.
- New information campaigns, processes, systems, documentation and cross-training programmes were implemented in the IT Department for risk management, health and safety corrective actions, knowledge silos minimisation, skills management and stakeholder management.

Human Resources

3.1 Key Achievements

In 2019, as part of ongoing workforce planning, the HR Department continued to review staffing levels and requirements. This involved working with senior management and the various service areas of the organisation in order to identify current and emerging requirements so as to be in a position to plan and respond to same in terms of staffing.

The implementation of the ongoing workforce planning process throughout 2019 considered the following:

- Continued increase in activity both locally and throughout the local government sector in terms of recruitment & selection and staff retention due to continued changing nature, diversification, and national requirements of the sector.
- Continued increase in opportunities throughout the public sector in general and consequent employment and skills mobility.
- Planning for the filling of vacancies and a renewed focus on attracting and recruiting people with the appropriate knowledge and skills – this includes marketing what the Council, and the sector in general, can offer to prospective job applicants/candidates more effectively and having consideration to changing employee expectations and how media is consumed.
- Continued work towards being an ‘employer of choice’.
- Renewed focus on learning and development opportunities for staff with a particular focus on structured induction for new staff, fostering a fair and healthy working environment, and consideration of other developmental opportunities.
- Continued work with line managers and supervisors in terms of managing effectively.

The HR Department continued to work very closely with management, staff and unions on a range of areas and continue to participate and work with the Partnership Committee.

In 2019, the Recruitment and Selection Unit facilitated 30 recruitment competitions, with a total of 850 applications processed and 235 candidates interviewed.

The Training Unit continued to review learning & development requirements throughout the organisation, which included mandatory training as well as new initiatives in terms of the staff wellbeing and health.

Training Figure for January 1 - to September 30, 2019

No. of Course Types Held	107
No of Training Course/Workshops held	300
No. of Individual Staff Scheduled for Training	759

3.2 Employer of Choice - People Strategy

The HR Officer, with the support of the HR team continued the national work on the ‘People Strategy’ for the Local Government Sector. The strategy is being implemented across the sector with a key national and local level projects identified and actioned. In this regard the HR Department has placed a strong emphasis in 2019 on communicating the Council as an ‘employer of choice’ via enhanced communication and marketing techniques.

3.4 Mentoring Programme

A new mentoring programme was developed and introduced to support the introduction of 20 newly recruited clerical officers to the organisation. The HR department facilitated training for both the mentors (existing staff members) and the mentees (new staff) to assist both groups gain from the experience. Mentoring is being used across the public and private sectors due to its positive impacts on organisations and their workforce.



Attendees at the Training session for Mentors

3.5 Staff Wellbeing and Support

The HR department has been focusing on staff support in a number of areas including holding talks on health and wellness topics in the form of lunch and learns, marking annual international days, organising and running a Wellness week in conjunction with the Health & Safety Section, continuing to provide staff with access to an Employee Assistance Programme which is delivered by Inspire Workplaces and participation in various initiatives related to staff wellness in partnership with other departments of Meath County Council. Much work on the development of a communication tool to further assist staff to access information is currently being developed by the HR staff and will take the form of a mobile/desktop App ('MCC Connect'), which was launched in early 2020.



Workplace Wellness Day April 2019

3.6 Continuous Professional Development

A further three-year reaccreditation from Engineers Ireland as a 'CPD Accredited Employer' in 2018 further strengthens the Council as an employer of choice and supports the organisation to compete with other employers in the current labour market. Work on this continued in 2019 and formed a key part of communicating the Council as an employer of choice.

3.7 Meath Career Expo

The HR department was represented at the Meath Career Expo which took place in October 2019 in the Ardboyne Hotel, Navan. The Expo, which was organised by the County Meath Chamber, provided employers in the county with an opportunity to meet face-to-face with job-seekers and potential new employees and similarly provided local people with an insight into the range of job opportunities that are available locally. The HR department was present throughout the event providing information on the range of career options which the Council provides and spoke to many attendees who expressed an interest in working in the Council, in the years ahead.

Finance

4.1 Overview

During 2019, the Finance Department focused its efforts on effective expenditure controls and enhanced debt collection measures, with the overall objective of ensuring that the Council operates within its allocated Budget.

During 2019 Meath underwent a process of Revaluation of all its commercial rate properties. The Council hosted and facilitated a number of Valuation clinics in each of the Municipal Districts. Where the Revaluation process lead to an increase in rate liabilities MCC staff contacted and liaised with the rate customers providing information and assistance on the appeals process. The Revaluation process is complex and will continue into 2020.

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme launched in February 2018 has led to a significant increase in the number of loan applications received and processed by MCC during 2019. Outside of the Dublin Local Authorities, Meath has processed and issued more loan applications than any other Local Authority.

Our Procurement and Accounts Payable sections continue to support all other departments in relation to the Purchase to Pay cycle.

Obtaining value for money, efficient delivery of services and optimising revenue streams continue to be the main focus of the Finance Department.

Planning and Development Management

5.1 Forward Planning

Following the publication of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), Meath County Council recommenced the review of the Draft Meath County Development Plan. The Draft Plan was placed on public display on 6th December 2019 for a period of 10 weeks. The Council used <https://consult.meath.ie/> to display the draft online, on smart phone devices and to allow for submissions to be made online. The website, <http://countydevelopmentplanreview.meath.ie/> was also used to keep the public informed of any updates relating to the plan.

Two variations to development plans were adopted by the full Council and the October monthly meeting;

- Variation 3 of the Navan Development Plan 2009-2015 gave effect to an objective in the RSES for the eastern and midland region in relation to providing further employment opportunities in Navan through the rezoning of a parcel of land.
- Variation 1 of the Trim Development Plan 2014-2020 incorporated the key tenets of the Economic Development Strategy for County Meath, 2014-2022, as they relate to land-use planning.

5.2 Development Contributions

Receipts from development contributions fell in comparison to previous years, with a projected outturn in the region of €10.6 million (inclusive of Irish Water receipts) for 2019. The Financials Compliance Team continues to actively engage with debtors to ensure compliance with conditions of planning.

5.3 Compliance Activities

Complaints regarding planning compliance continue to rise with 283 new cases referred to or initiated by the Planning Department in 2019. These figures include action taken for non-compliance with the financial provisions of extant planning permissions.

The Council continues to carry out its function in regard to the taking-in-charge of estates. In 2019, a total of 20 estates were taken in charge and exploratory studies were carried out on a number of other estates.

5.4 Development Management

The number of applications received continues to increase on previous years, with a total of 1845 applications received in 2019, an increase of approximately 16% on 2018. Pre-planning clinics are now fully subscribed with over the phone and online consultation being availed of. The Planning Department continues to note an improvement in the scope and complexity of development proposals being considered.

The Planning Department also assisted in a number of tri-partite meetings under Section 247 of the Planning and Development Acts, relating to Strategic Housing Development.

5.5 Quarry Regulation

The Planning Authority continues to monitor and assess quarrying operations in Meath.

5.6 Building Control

The Council's Building Control function is performed by the Building Control Officer who also leads the Planning Enforcement Team. The Building Control function plays a critical role in informing the Council's Financial Compliance Team.

5.7 Heritage Overview

A number of projects were progressed under the Heritage and Conservation work programmes in 2019, these included the;

- **Historic Towns Initiative 2019**
- **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019**
- **Structures at Risk Fund 2019**
- **Irish Walled Town Network – Trim- Black Friary** – 54 participants took part in a two-week Community Archaeology Dig at the Dominican Friary, Trim and Medieval Family Day held (August 2019).
- **Girley Bog Meitheal** – Steering group meetings – Advisory Role.
- **Care and Conservation of Historic Graveyards** – Seminar for Community Groups, Buvinda House (April 2019)
- **Heritage Week 2019** -County brochure published promoting over 80 events held in county.



Blackfriary Archaeology Dig

National Biodiversity Action Plan Funding - Projects delivered using this funding included:

- Pollinator and Citizen Science Workshop (November 2019)
- Birdwatch Ireland Workshop with Local Authority Staff (November 2019)
- Supported the implementation of Community Biodiversity Action Plans in Ratoath, Slane, Kells and Julianstown through the following projects (i) Swift Conservation Project with Tidy

Towns, (ii) Summerhill Community Biodiversity Plan, (iii) Kells Peat Free Workshop, (iv) Pollinator planting and (v) Biodiversity publications.

- Biodiversity Training for Ratoath and Trim Tidy Towns
- Biodiversity communications campaign



Archaeological Heritage of Meath

- **Kells Printworks** –Supported restoration of two printing presses, conservation works to the archive and *In Conversation with the restorers* as part of Hinterland 2019.
- **County Heritage Plan Funding Projects 2019** – County Swift Survey, Geology exhibition and booklet and supported Knowth Volume on Megalithic Art.
- **Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2019** – 23 local heritage projects supported.
- **Heritage Ireland 2030** – Facilitated six local public consultation events on new National Heritage Plan.
- **Regional Tidy Towns Conference** – Presented talk on *Undertaking Local Heritage Projects* to 400 participants at the Regional Tidy Towns Conference in Trim (February 2019)



Slane Tidy Towns at Slane Castle taking part in the Swift Survey 2019

Kells Creative Placemaking Project: This multi-faceted collaborative project between Meath County Council and project stakeholders (artists, festivals, community volunteers, property owners and local business) focused on the regeneration and adaptive re-use of four key heritage buildings into the social, cultural and economic fabric of Kells.

Some key outcomes included:

- Funding secured from the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project 2040)
- Launch of *Solving Our Own Problems Kells* Participative Town Centre Health Check Report.



Launch of Kells Report

Economic Development and Enterprise

7.1 Overview

Throughout 2019 there was a very strong performance by the Economic Development and Local Enterprise team in Meath County Council.

The year saw an increase across all areas of programme delivery including financial support for businesses and training and development activities.

Some highlights of the year are as follows:

- A particular focus of the year was supporting companies to prepare for Brexit, with over 350 Meath companies availing of training or one-to-one support.
- Of particular note is the over one hundred 'would be entrepreneurs' participating in our benchmark Start Your Own Business training programme, showing that entrepreneurship is alive and well in County Meath.
- Over eight hundred companies availed of our bespoke training programmes designed to assist small businesses prepare for the challenges of the future.
- Over two hundred companies availed of one-to-one business development mentoring with experts in their respective fields.
- Employment growth continued among the LEO client companies.
- A record number and value of business development grants were also made during the year.

Significant further investment in our local businesses is planned for 2020.

7.2 Tourism

Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2016-2020

There are 4 years now complete on the 5-year Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy and there have been many successes.

Púca Halloween Festival

Meath County Council partnered with Fáilte Ireland and Louth County Council to develop the new Púca Halloween Festival across the Boyne Valley, with a combined investment of €1.95mn over three years. The festival took place in Trim, Athboy and Drogheda with a procession and traditional music at the Hill of Ward and a very colourful parade in Trim and music on each evening. Year one was a great success, attracting 20,000 attendees and 300mn viewers through international broadcasts. These broadcasts were set up with Trim Castle as the backdrop. The Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival also ran throughout the month of October and was promoted by Boyne Valley Tourism.

Tourist Offices

Minister Brendan Griffin TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, cut the ribbon to officially open the Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub on May 30th 2019. Both tourist offices in Trim (Trim Visitor Centre) and Kells (Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub) serviced 18,000 visitors to the county during 2019 through the many events and

exhibitions on display. Meath County Council supported Trim Tourism Network in curating the Dear Dot Exhibition opened by Courtney Kennedy with Ryan Tubridy at the launch. It has now been moved to Epic in Dublin for digitisation and display.



Official Opening of the Kells Tourism and Cultural Hub in May 2019

Marketing and Promotion

Boyne Valley Tourism had a reach of 865,000 at **promotional shows** attended throughout the year. These events included domestic and Northern Ireland: Dublin Holiday World, Bloom in the Phoenix Park, the National Ploughing Championships, The Balmoral Show, Belfast Holiday World, and CMT Stuttgart. The 2019 Boyne Valley Holiday Guide was designed and distributed at these shows and through tourist offices and businesses.

On November 6th and 7th, Boyne Valley Tourism held its most successful **familiarisation visit for tour operators**. 30 tour operators, who work in international markets, visited the Boyne Valley over two days to see all it has to offer and to encourage them to programme for the 2020 season.

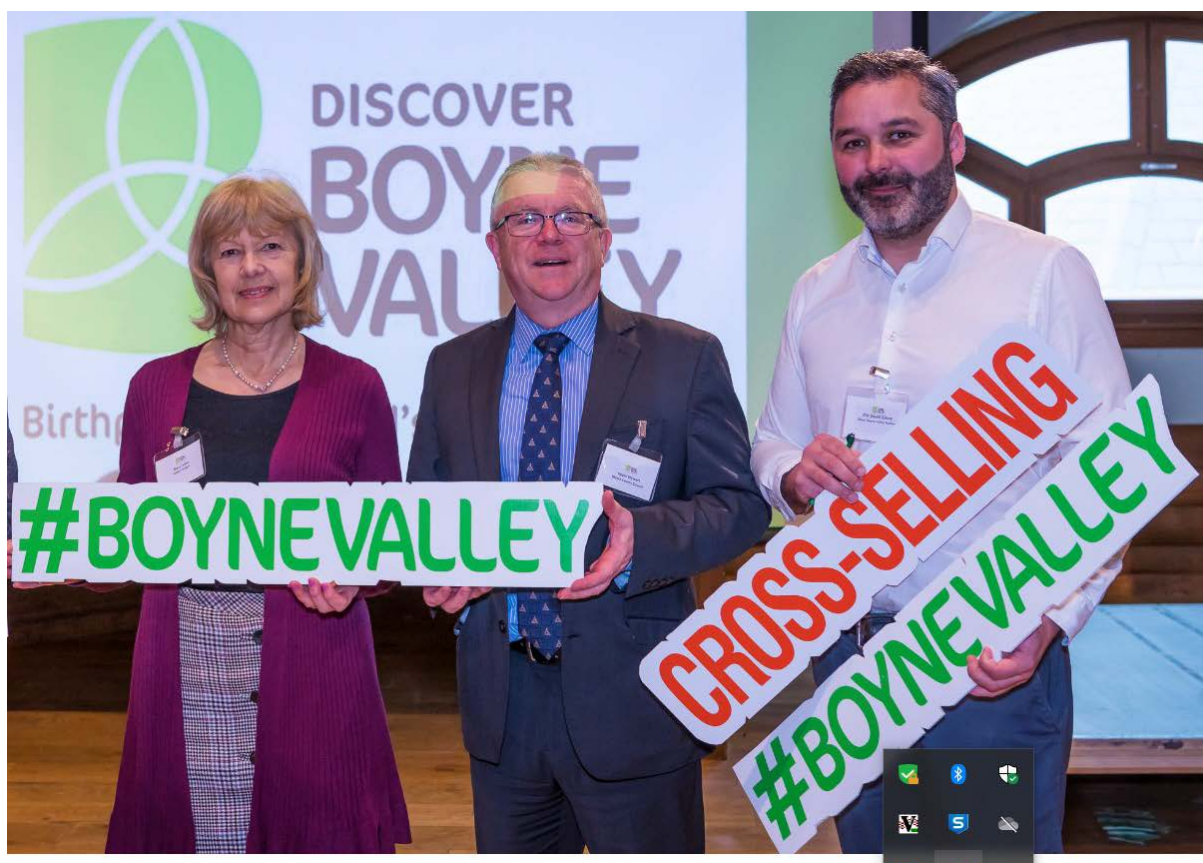


Press Visit

We collaborated with high reach travel journalists and international media to visit the area including attendance at Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Drogheda. Four journalists from the Press Association, the Sun UK, Metro UK and La Vie est Belle, a French blog visited over three days. The result was 32 news articles with a reach of 4.9mn, a written across media in the UK and Ireland from RTE news online, Woman's Way, Irish Independent, Her.ie and Joe.ie, to TV3, The Sun Newspaper, Manchester Evening News, Birmingham Post and Liverpool Echo and Evening News Edinburgh.

Trade Networking Opportunities

Tourism businesses were provided with many networking opportunities. 40 businesses attended a Boyne Valley Tourism Networking event at Tayto Park in March to hear speakers Kevin Stewart, Meath County Council, Cllr David Gilroy Chair Boyne Valley Tourism and Colm Breheny, Failte Ireland. Two educational trips were held for the tourism trade to visit tourism enterprises and sites at the coast, Navan and Slane while a second was held to visit the new Knowth Exhibition and Dowth Hall. The Boyne Valley Tourism AGM was held in March with speakers from the Puca Festival addressing the tourism industry on plans for the upcoming festival.



Funding and new Tourism product Development

The Boyne Blueway is 35kms in length from Longwood through Trim to Bective. Most beginner visiting paddlers will commence in Trim at Boyne Valley Activities, hire a kayak or take a guided tour and paddle to Newtown. Meath County Council Tourism, Community sections and Meath Local Sports Partnership worked together on the development of the Boyne Blueway Trim. New brochure printed and distributed.

The Royal Canal Greenway is a 130km greenway stretching from Maynooth via Enfield, Longwood and Hill of Down and passing through Mullingar to finish at Longford. It will be the longest off-road

greenway in Ireland when it is launched. A successful application for **€1mn** (across the 4 Local Authorities) submitted by Transport and Tourism sections of Meath County Council along with the four Local Authorities and Waterways Ireland for funding from Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to complete and install ancillary infrastructure.

The Council's Transport section in conjunction with Waterways Ireland has **completed the pathways** along the Royal Canal Greenway and work is underway to complete the ancillary infrastructure, signage and storyboards.

Successful Funding Applications/ Investment in Tourism Projects

- **€845,250** Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) for Boyne Navigation and Greenway project for technical assistance to address cumulative environmental impacts for restoring the Navigation and Greenway between Drogheda and Navan.
- **€262,500** RRDF to transform Trim Market House to a visitor centre for Trim Castle.
- **€1mn** for Royal Canal Greenway – Dept of Transport, Tourism and Sport
- **€1.95mn** investment in Púca Halloween Festival over 3 years.

Housing

8.1 Housing Capital

Direct construction programme for the period 2017-2021 comprises 22 sites throughout the county, totally 444 units (€102,436,997), with 121 delivered by the end of 2019 across nine sites (€28,108,186).

Meath County Council's Rebuilding Ireland capital delivery target for 2019 was achieved, with 445 new social housing units delivered across the key capital delivery mechanisms, including direct construction, Part V, Approved Housing Bodies and acquisition programme, representing an overall investment of €103,352,582 in social housing in the County.

Funding approval was received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in respect to a number of capital project submissions made during the year, including direct construction, Part V, turnkey acquisitions and regeneration projects. Total funding approved regarding capital project totalled €56,618,562 (237 units), representing future pipeline delivery.

Collaborative work with Approved Housing Bodies has yielded significant delivery during 2019 (180 units), with a further 150 units granted approval, with expected delivery in 2020.

Refurbishment works were carried out on over 60 casual vacancies in 2019.

Works on 46 units under the Local Authority Adaptation Works Scheme was completed by year end.



Opening of the new Homes in Proudstown, Navan

8.2 Housing Grants

Grants to the value of €2,540,370 were awarded to 371 households under the following schemes: Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability and Housing Aid for Older People and Mobility Aid Grants.

8.3 Housing Allocations

A total of 1,113 households had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in 2019, through various housing supports, including Housing Assistance Payment, the Rental Accommodation Scheme, Approved Housing Bodies, as well as through direct allocations by Meath County Council.

The 2019 Summary of Social Housing Assessment recorded a net housing need of 1,733 as at 24th June 2019 for the county (gross housing need inclusive of HAP recipients was 3,864).

8.4 Tenant Liaison

Some 258 tenants completed the pre-tenancy training during 2019, obtaining a variety of information concerning their tenancy with Meath County Council.

A total of 281 anti-social behaviour cases were investigated by the Tenant Liaison team to date in 2019.



Sod Turning for the LIHAF Project – Ratoath Outer-Relief Road (March 2019)

8.5 Homeless Service

Some 211 households required an emergency accommodation placement in 2019.

Progress was made during 2019 in advancing a number of strategic priorities for Meath County Council's Homeless Service, including the opening of a five unit Family Hub facility in Navan and the Housing First model, which will address the needs of a number long term cyclical homeless clients. In addition, the Homeless HAP Place Finder Service supported 178 tenancies to date.

8.6 Traveller Accommodation

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 was drafted and adopted during 2019 and provides the overall delivery framework for addressing the accommodation needs of Travellers in the County over the next five years.

Work continued to bring forward the proposed refurbishment of St Francis' Park halting site, which has Departmental approval for a €2,856,336 grant. Departmental approval is currently being sought in order to proceed to the Part 8 planning process.

8.7 Resettlement Programme

During 2019, Meath County Council contributed towards the national commitment to assist in alleviating the Syrian refugee humanitarian crisis, by coordinating the resettlement of 22 refugee families to the County, under the Irish Resettlement Programme. Through our engagement under the current 24 month programme, Meath County Council will have resettled 43 refugee families (182 persons).

8.8 Rented Minimum Standards

A significant increase on the number of private rented dwellings inspected by Meath County Council was recorded for 2019, with 1,134 inspections conducted. This is as a result of a number of measures introduced during 2019 in order to achieve quality private rental accommodation in the County.

Community

9.1 Overview

Local Authorities have a strengthened role in local and community development with focus on promoting the well-being and quality of life of citizens and communities.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC): The function of the LCDC is to implement the 2016-2021 Local Economic Community Plan, to co-ordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community programmes on behalf of the government departments e.g. SICAP, LEADER, Healthy Ireland scheme and the Community Enhancement Programmes.

Membership of the LCDC saw several changes including 3 new councillors following the Local Elections.

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021: The LCDC prepared the 6-year Statutory Local Economic Community Plan in conjunction with the Council. This Plan serves as the primary strategy guiding development in Meath and the targeting of resources under the direct management of the LCDC. Any funding applications for proposed projects must also be consistent with the objectives of the plan. Quarterly updates are sought from the agencies involved and presented to the LCDC.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 – 2022: The SICAP Programme which is funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development aims to reduce poverty, promote social inclusion and equality through local engagement and collaboration. This is the second year of the 5-year programme with an annual budget €393,336.00. Meath Partnership who was awarded the contract continues to deliver the programme on behalf of the council.

LEADER Programme 2014-2020: The LCDC and Local Authority are responsible for monitoring/overseeing the delivery of the LEADER programme 2014-2020. Meath's allocation (including administration and animation under the programme is €6.9 million. This allocation includes grant approval capacity of €5.14 million. The LCDC agreed to a joint approach to LEADER with the LCDC as the Local Action Group (LAG) and Meath Partnership as the Implementing Partner (IP). Meath Co. Council is the Financial Partner (FP). The budget target approved by the LAG by the end of 2019 was 68%, €3.47 million with the value of claims paid out during 2019 due to the completion of projects was €536,852.

9.2 Public Participation Network (PPN)

Membership of the PPN in Meath has grown to over 900 groups contributing to increased involvement in the consultation processes across Meath. A re-registration process took place which identified groups that are not still active, or their details have changed. Training and events were organised throughout the year for the membership with a concentration on areas such as Insurance for groups, Governance, Climate change and Bio-diversity. Members received regular updates on funding, consultations and events through e-bulletins, facebook and the website. A community well-being project has been promoted on a county wide basis with workshops to be held in 2020. The department contributed funding towards the role of a PPN support officer who commenced in January 2019. A new PPN co-ordinator also commenced work in September 2019.

9.3 Comhairle na nÓg

The co-ordinator role for Meath Comhairle na nÓg, is the Youth Council for County Meath, Youth Work Ireland Meath. They have a service level agreement to co-ordinate the programme until the end of 2020. The Comhairle na nÓg AGM was held in October 2019 in the Ardboyne Hotel. They continue to work on their topic for 2018/2020 which is sexual health, body image and identity, with workshops incorporating this topic held at the AGM.



Comhairle na nÓg AGM in October 2019

The group took part in a consultation process for the new Social Personal and Health Education curriculum with the Department of Education and worked on a video in relation to positive body image for both young and old which will be distributed through the schools. A very successful colour run was held in June 2019 with over 400 persons in attendance.



The group attended the Dáil in November to celebrate 100 years with TD's and the Ceann Comhairle in attendance.



Dáil na nÓg

9.4 Meath Age Friendly Initiative

Under the current Age Friendly strategy 2017-2020, Meath County Council has been carrying out accessibility audits in Athboy, Summerhill and Enfield in partnership with other relevant agencies.

Meath was part of a three-county pilot to test the ACORN tablet which is specifically designed for older persons. Up to 30 older persons were invited to test the tablet over a few weeks. The ACORN tablet was shortlisted for several awards and won in their category with Prosper Kells walkability project receiving a shortlisted award in their category in the annual Age Friendly Business Recognition awards.

The newly refurbished library in Kells is now Age Friendly along with the refurbished Slane library. The 4 newly built housing units in Proudstown were built to an Age Friendly design for the older persons and are all occupied.

The Council's Age Friendly coordinator worked in partnership with Prosper Trim and local businesses to develop a community sensory garden which is open and enjoyed by all.

A group from Norway visited Meath to view Age Friendly initiatives as they hope to do similar initiatives in their own country.

The Age Friendly Alliance launched an awareness of the "Message in a Bottle" for older persons at the Flexibus annual Celebration Day with up to 600 older persons present.

The Athboy walkability/dementia project was shortlisted under the "Innovation in Politics" awards held in Berlin on December 4th, 2019 which was a joint project between Age Friendly Ireland and Meath Age Friendly.

9.5 Other Committees

Joint Policing Committee (JPC): The committee met quarterly in 2019 and held their public meeting in the Headfort Arms Hotel on the 16th of October 2019. The 3 sub- groups i.e. Community Safety and Crime Prevention, Public Order and Anti-social Behaviour, Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour also met a few times prior to the local elections. A new committee was formed following the local elections with new councillors and PPN reps elected to this committee for the next 5 years.

Unity Centre, Windtown, Navan: The Unity Centre provides a space for community activities as well as training and leisure activities. The building is regularly used by LMETB, HSE, Rehab care, Prosper Meath, Navan Schools Completion Service, Springboard Family Support, Comhairle na nÓg and Orchard Children's Services.

Meath Local Sports Partnership: The Council continues to increase, year-on-year, its support for the local Sports Partnership, which works in partnership with the main sporting bodies. In parallel, the Council supports the engagement of development officers for the three main sporting bodies in the country.

9.6 Ashbourne Linear Park

Works on zone 4 of the linear park commenced early 2019 and are now completed with the official opening held in October 2019. The park includes a playground, amphitheatre and bridge across the river.



Ashbourne Playground

9.7 Community Initiatives - Pride of Place

Pride of Place continued with competitions at Municipal District level, and category winners from each MD going forward to compete at county level. A total of 245 groups and businesses participated, with 65 schools taking part. Three groups were entered in the National Co-operation Ireland Awards which took place in Kilkenny in November, namely: Girley Bog Meitheal, Newcastle Woods estate, Enfield and Dunboyne Tidy Towns Association. Girley Bog Meitheal won in their category, "Creative Place Initiative".



Girley Bog – Winner of Creative Place Category



Joint Winner of Nature Wildlife Award – Julianstown & District Community Association



Joint Winner of Nature Wildlife Award – Dunboyne Tidy Towns

9.8 Grant Schemes and Programmes

The following grant schemes were processed in 2019:

- Community Grant Scheme 2019 had a total of 518 applications approved under the various categories with a total fund of €173,500 allocated.
- Carranstown Grant Scheme had 33 applications approved and a total fund of €100,000 allocated.

- Knockharley Grant Scheme saw works continue on the Kentstown Village project during 2019 which is near completion.
- Regional Festivals and Participative Events, Small Grants Scheme 2019 had a fund of €11,000 which was allocated to 8 approved applicants.

Community Amenity Project Scheme: The Community Amenity Scheme is a new scheme and opened for applications in early 2019. The Scheme was available to new projects or refurbishment of existing facilities/amenities. There was an allocation of €100,000 per Municipal District, with a minimum grant application of €10,000 and the maximum of €100,000. No match funding was required for projects however the scheme was not intended to match fund or top-up other grant schemes. It was a requirement that all applicant groups must be registered with the PPN. 14 projects were recommended for approval for funding for this year.

Community Enhancement Programme: The scheme is administered by the LCDC under the remit of the Local Authority with an allocation of €142,893 available to Meath. 52 groups were approved for funding under the programme with works completed by year end. 18 affiliated Men’s Sheds were also allocated funding to the amount of €20,942 under this scheme.

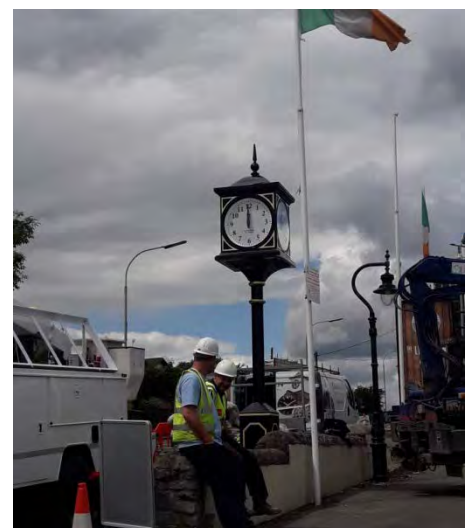
Healthy Ireland Fund Scheme: This fund is administered by the LCDC under the remit of the Local Authority. This year’s fund runs over two years from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021, 3 projects were selected by the LCDC and approved. Additional funding was awarded by the Department of Health for a Mental Health theme, 3 projects under this theme were submitted and approved. The department also made an allocation towards a Community Mental Health small grants scheme, Community Engagement scheme and a contribution towards a Healthy Ireland Coordinator.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme: The Department approved 3 projects under measure 1, the Royal Canal leisure park nature walk Enfield, Deerpark Community Park, Carlanstown and Deerpark walking and running trail enhancement. Under measure 3 funding was approved towards the Navan to Wilkinstown greenway phase 1.

Clár: 2 applications were approved under this scheme and works have commenced.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme: The following six projects were approved under the 2019 scheme by the Department, totalling €585,792, Ballivor, Kilbeg, Summerhill, Wilkinstown, Nobber and Kilmainhamwood and works have commenced on the projects.

Clock in Julianstown under Town and Village Grant Scheme



National Community Event: This was a new national event “The Big Hello” which celebrated the great spirit of communities that exists across the country and help people to come together, get to know each other and deepen the sense of community in their area. Events took place over the May Bank Holiday with grants up to €500 available to groups. 18 applications were received, and the event proved very successful.

9.9 Broadband

Work continued the implementation of the National Broadband Plan and related initiatives in County Meath. A digital strategy for County Meath was completed by year end and will be progressed in 2020.

9.10 Access Officer

The Access Officer works with Council departments and agencies to address any accessibility issues and promote awareness and the importance of accessibility. Events held during the year included “Back in 5” to highlight awareness of parking in disabled bays and “Make Way Day” with volunteers identifying obstacles blocking their accessibility along footpaths.

9.11 New Strategies

Healthy Meath Strategy 2019-2021: A Healthy Meath strategy was prepared and completed with funding allocated from the Healthy Ireland fund in 2018. The plan was launched by the LCDC in December 2019. Projects from the Healthy Ireland fund shall link into actions identified in the strategy.



Launch of Healthy Meath Plan

Joint Migrant Strategy 2019-2022: Meath and Louth County Councils prepared and completed a joint Migrant Integration Strategy. The strategy will be progressed in 2020 with projects identified for funding by both councils lead partners will link into the actions identified in the strategy.

Age Friendly Ireland

10.1 Age Friendly Ireland - Local Government Shared Service

Across 2019 the Age Friendly Ireland shared service, hosted by Meath County Council, made significant progress.

In December, the World Health Organisation attended an historic event in Slane Castle where they recognised, with An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Ireland as the **first official fully affiliated Age Friendly Country in the world**. Each local authority Chief Executive and Cathoirleach/Mayor were presented with their WHO Age Friendly Global Affiliation Certificate to recognise their achievements. This decade of work was underpinned by the production of a Strategy Statement capturing the progress, commitments, implementation and developmental criteria based work that Ireland has achieved over the past decade.



10 Year Event at Slane Castle in December

Over the course of 2019 the national shared service entered into an MoU with 6 local authorities to pilot **6 Regional Programme Manager** (on a 0.5 WTE basis) roles who will support the shared service in supporting the 31 local authority based programmes.

Age Friendly Ireland worked with the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government and the Department of Health on the joint **departmental Housing for our Ageing Population** policy statement which was launched in February 2019. Age Friendly Ireland are members of the National Implementation Group and are represented on each of the four sub groups tasked with implementing the actions. One key action was the assignment of an **Age Friendly Housing Technical Specialist** in each of the local authorities to cover a broad range of activities. These were assigned by each of the Chief Executives in Q4 2019.

Following a step by step recognition and training process, Minister Michael Ring formally launched and recognised **48 Age Friendly Libraries** in May 2019 with **48 Age Friendly Champions**. In parallel he launched the findings of technology pilot initiative around the development of an age friendly Irish produced age friendly tablet.



Various Award Presentations in 2019

Minister Jim Daly formally launched the production of **National Age Friendly Hospital Guidelines** in St. Luke's Hospital Kilkenny as well as a local hospital Age Friendly Action Plan. On the same day Minister Daly launched Thomastown Age Friendly Town and recognise the work of the 70 Age Friendly Businesses in Kilkenny (22nd July 2020).



St. Luke's Age Friendly Hospital Gems Group

Age Friendly Ireland hosted the annual two day **National Older Peoples Councils Convention** in 2019 in partnership with Donegal County Council/Donegal Age Friendly Programme (8th – 10th May 2019). The event provides an array of key note speakers, engagement sessions, consultation, thematic workshops and practical site visits on knowledge transfer for our 31 Older Peoples Councils across Ireland.

The national service delivery plan resulted in a number of initiatives being implemented across the country such as age friendly walkability audits, age friendly seating, age friendly parking, age friendly bus shelters, age friendly recreation areas, age friendly housing developments, integrated care programmes, safety & security initiatives and many others. In parallel a number of local age friendly strategies and annual reports were launched.

Age Friendly Ireland hosted the annual **National Age Friendly Recognition Awards** Ceremony in Croke Park in partnership with Dublin City Council / Dublin City Age Friendly Programme (14th November 2019) recognising the significant efforts of age friendly projects across the country from a wide range of stakeholders.

Collectively the shared service now consists of four core staff based in the shared service office, two Principal Advisors in Housing & Age Friendly Business & Enterprise, 31 Age Friendly Programme Managers across the 31 local authorities, 6 Regional Programme Managers and 31 Age Friendly Housing Technical Specialists.

The Age Friendly Ireland shared service continues to work internationally with affiliate countries to share knowledge and learn from good practice. The shared service continues to provide a unique opportunity to consolidate how information is gathered, hosted and shared across our all 31 Age Friendly Programmes. We continue to provide technical guidance in a very systematic way and take advantage of emerging synergies in the best practice, which will lead to better monitoring and measuring of progress and programme outcomes. Ultimately this provides a more efficient and cost-effective way to support the whole of government, and external stakeholders, as we continue to deliver this international programme. Innovating for our future is about strengthening our whole of Government collaboration so that we achieve our ultimate goal of better outcomes for our ageing population and future generations to come.



Age Friendly Ireland and Meath County Council were shortlisted for the European Innovation in Politics Awards which took place in Berlin in December 2019. Age Friendly Ireland and the Athboy Walkability Audit and Inclusive Town Developments were the two Meath County Council projects shortlisted from 400 European entries. These awards acknowledge innovation in political leadership.

Library Services

11.1 Overview

In 2019, the Libraries Service

- Completed the roll-out of RFID and self-service technology across the branch network.
- Managed the introduction of the My Open Library initiative at Trim library
- Delivered the 2019 annual plan for **Creative Ireland** in partnership with national, local and community stakeholders.
- Devised and delivered **Cruinniú na nÓg** at Trim in partnership with national, local and community stakeholders. Trim was selected as the venue for the national launch and the event was covered on RTE television.
- Managed the annual Meath County Council *Máire Nic Shiubhlaigh Gaeltacht* Scholarship scheme
- Enabled the publication of three titles of national and local interest
- Organised two major public events to commemorate the Decade of Centenaries
 - Oldcastle Camp – Gathering of German relatives and academics to explore civilian internment in WW1
 - *In Anam an Athar* – concert in partnership with Solstice to celebrate life and work of Fr. Eoghan O’Growney
- Delivered the roll-out of c.€300,000 worth of digital services across the branch network.
- Introduced Magic Tables/Tovertafels at Navan and Trim libraries with a further 6 by year-end.



Minister Ring at the magic table in Trim Library

- Hosted national launch of new Digital Services in Trim library
- Demonstrated new Digital Services as part of the DRCD exhibits at the national ploughing championships.
- Delivered a wide range of events under the **Healthy Ireland @your library** initiative.
- Jason Byrne headlined the annual **Children’s Book Festival** in October. In excess of one hundred events were organised with almost 6,000 children from over fifty different schools attending events making this Meath’s leading cultural event for children.

- 6,163 children attended the hundreds of Summer Programme events organised by the library service during July and August.



Opening of the Upgraded Slane Library

- Reconfigured service at Slane library following a major upgrade of the branch by Facilities Management.



Opening of the new facilities in Kells Library

- Kells library reconfigured and extended by Facilities Management allowing access to new meeting rooms and welfare facilities. Issues increased by 25% on re-opening.
- Nobber library reconfigured and extended by Facilities Management allowing access to new services, meeting room and welfare facilities.
- Secured Dormant Accounts funding from DRCD to deliver a Traveller Genealogy project in 2019/2020.
- 1,668 children participated in the annual Summer Reading Challenge.
- Received the Right to Read Award from the LGMA.

Arts Office

12.1 Overview

The Meath County Council Arts mission statement as per the County Arts Development Plan 2019 – 2024 is:

To work closely with artists, individuals and communities to increase access to, awareness of and participation in the arts across all disciplines and sectors of society. To act as a facilitator for arts organisations and play a major role in the development of good practice for the county. To provide opportunities across disciplines 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.

The Arts Office continues to implement key aims and objectives as per the County Arts Development Plan.

Some of the key achievements in 2019 were:

- Completion of the County Arts Development Plan 2019 – 2024, presentation to SPC April 2019; presentation to and adoption by full Council meeting May 2019.
- Stage 1 works at the Courthouse Kells completed to allow phased opening of the Cultural Hub, (a creative space for artists and arts organisations/companies) and thus enabling Hinterland Festival of Literature & Arts and Guth Gafa International Documentary Film Festival capacity development and growth.
- 47 individual cultural events facilitated upstairs in the Courthouse June – December 2019.
- Toradh2 Visual Arts Gallery opened June 2019 at Courthouse Kells. 51 visual artists accommodated through a mix of group and individual shows.
- 3000+ attendees at events in the Courthouse Cultural Hub June - Dec 2019.
- 290 children & young people attended specific schools' events upstairs at the Courthouse Sept – December 2019.
- Soilsíú Film Company secured as anchor tenants for the Kells Cultural Hub bringing a mix of twelve creative industries jobs – full and part time – to Kells.
- RRDF funding secured to allow for further planning of the Kells Creative Placemaking project.
- Music Generation Meath project secured for roll out in 2019 with LMETB as lead partners. Music Generation Meath has an ambitious programme to deliver music education and performance opportunities across all genres and styles to children and young people in the county over the next 3-5 years.
- Arts Council/ Meath Framework Agreement 2019 – 2026 negotiated and agreed as per the Arts Council / CCMA Framework for Collaboration process.
- Creative Ireland Annual Children's Arts Festival - Cruinniú na nÓg – successfully devised and delivered in Trim June 2019 in partnership with the Library Service.
- MCC Art Collection – restoration, conservation and re framing work undertaken and completed. Works curated and hung in Buvinda House.



Transition of Light by Fiona Murphy – Public Art Piece at Buvinda House

- Artists liaison and completion of the Remembrance Public Art piece by artist Fiona Murphy, Buvinda House.
- Implementation of the FÉACH professional artist mentoring and training programme in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland, the Irish Writers' Centre and the Arts Council.
- Continued delivery of 'Training Notes' professional training programme for musicians wishing to work in a health care system in partnership with Kids Classics, Navan Hospital, Beaufort Nursing Home Navan and St. Joseph's Nursing Home Trim.
- Toradh Gallery Ashbourne hosted 5 visual arts exhibitions and accompanying schools and educational outreach programme with over 200 primary schools' children taking part in Toradh Ashbourne programmes.



Primary School children at printmaking workshops Toradh Gallery, Ashbourne

- Formal partnership arrangement agreed with Meath Youth Theatre – Act Out Youth Theatre and expansion for same across county planned.



Warrior of the Táin Theatre Trip (Photo by Sinead Garry)

- Bealtine Festival programmed and delivered at various locations across the County May 2019
- Arts Grants, Awards and Bursaries Schemes - Administered, assessed and processed 94 applications under 10 Arts grant schemes.
- New MCC/ Drama League of Ireland Bursary Introduced as per County Arts Plan Strategic Priority 1. Six recipients of the award in 2019.
- Continued implementation of the Creative Ireland Meath Five Year Strategy in collaboration with Cultural Services Team.

Road Transportation and Safety

13.1 Overview

Meath County Council manages and maintains over 3,500 km. of road network. This is achieved with the co-operation and assistance of the NTA, TII, and DTTAS through 4 main elements, namely:

- Road upkeep, including routine and winter maintenance, surface dressing and public lighting
- Road improvements, which includes discretionary improvement, restoration improvement, specific improvement schemes, bridge works, footpath improvements and other improvement schemes
- Road traffic, which includes traffic management and safety
- Sustainable transport Initiatives

In 2019, Road Improvement achievements included the delivery of the circa €38m road works programme and the completion of 14 Community Involvement Schemes (majority of funding from DTT&S) and 12 Local Improvement Schemes (grant funding from DR&CD). These schemes showcase how partnership between the Council and communities can deliver meaningful improvements on roads, which otherwise would not receive maintenance/improvement funding. A list of potential schemes for participation in the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) 2020 and 2021 was also submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in a bid for further funding for this initiative.

13.2 National Primary and Secondary Schemes

The following National Primary and Secondary Road Schemes were advanced in 2019:

- N2 Slane Bypass – Emerging preferred route was announced and 3rd public consultation held in Nov 2019
- N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 –Notice to Treat issued to landowners and Land and Property Valuation Services Consultants have been appointed. Topographical, Archaeological and Supplementary Ground Investigation works ongoing. Detailed design and preparation of contract documents advancing in anticipation of construction starting in 2020.
- N51/R147 Junction Navan –Works on the redesigned junction completed.
- N52 Grange to Clontail Road scheme - Route selection finalised. Ground Investigation Survey Contract ongoing –Part 8 being finalised
- N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon –Design Consultants appointed. Concept and Feasibility reports being drafted along with Section 85 agreement with Fingal County Council
- National Road Pavement Schemes – 6.2 km resurfacing constructed. A further 6.3km of resurfacing and 540m of retexturing (costing €2.067m) on national roads completed by end 2019.

13.3 Non-National Roads

The following lengths of the non-national road network were maintained in 2019:

Road Restoration

- Regional Roads – 18.35 km and Local Roads - 62.13 km (including 8.66 kms for CIS)
- 4.63 kms of roads were completed under the Local Improvement Scheme

Surface Dressing

- Regional – 27.42 kms (including road restoration lengths)

- Local –153.51 kms (including road restoration lengths and CIS schemes) (A further 4.62 kms was also surface dressed under the LIS Scheme).

A new element of funding under the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport grant was allocated to Meath County Council in 2019 in the amount of €1m for works on former National Roads and 3.6 km of resurfacing has been completed in 2019, under this heading.

Additional Non-National Schemes progressed in 2019 were:

- R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road – CPO confirmed by An Bord Pleanála. Detailed design progressing in anticipation of construction start in 2020.
- LDR4 Abbeyland Navan - EIS and CPO being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála
- LIHAF - LDR6 Navan R153 to Farganstown and Ballymacon – Construction contract awarded which commenced October 2019 – Expected completion Q4 2020
- LIHAF - Ratoath Outer Relief Road Phase 1- Contractor appointed and works progressing on site. Expected completion Q2/Q3 2020.
- LDR1b –Part 8 approved.
- R162 Kilberry- DTTAS appraisal approved. Tenders received contractor to be appointed. Public consultation for Phase 1 completed
- R155 Curragha - Traffic Calming design progressing. DTTAS appraisal submitted and approved. Kilbride Rd/R125 Ashbourne Rd, Ratoath - Realignment of junction - Part 8 process completed and land acquisition and detailed design being progressed
- Milltown Road Scheme – Letters of Intent issued to successful tenderer for construction contract
- R154 Batterjohn Junction – Works commenced on site Q4 2019
- R154 Kiltale Junction Improvements – Construction Contract tendered and tender applications being assessed
- Access Road Frontlands Kells – MCC application submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval.

13.4 Other Works

Bridge Remedial Works progressed in 2019: Remedial Works were carried out on the Moygaddy Bridge and design works progressed for the following bridges: Castleparks Bridge, Annes Bridge, Stoneyford Bridge, Annesbrooke Bridge, Skearke Bridge, Clonard Bridge, Kearntown Bridge, Cornmill Bridge, Maudlin Bridge.

Safety Improvement Works progressed in 2019: Safety Improvement Works have been funded at the following locations; Hayestown L3400/L50521; Longwood Village R160/L4020; Greenan, Drumconrath R165/L34036; Culmullin Cross L6205/L62051/R125 and Knockbrack, Oldcastle R195/L68197.

Sustainable Transport Schemes progressed in 2019:

- Navan 2030 – Phase 1 construction contract for Railway Street commenced. Detailed design and tender documentation for phase 2 being prepared for tender commencement in Q4 2019.
- Boyneside Trail – Planning submission being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála Q4 2019
- Royal Canal – Construction works between Ferrans Lock and Cloncurry completed.

- Boyne Greenway – Tender competition for consultants to prepare preliminary design and application for statutory approval commenced, non-statutory public consultation held.
- Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway – Funding applications submitted to DTT&S Greenway Strategy Grants and Rural Regeneration & Development Fund.
- Installation of Bus Shelters – Countywide project ongoing – Contractor appointed and construction commenced in Nov 2019
- Cycle Parking - Site locations have been identified and tender documents prepared.

Speed Limit Review: Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits), County of Meath Bye-Laws came into effect from April 3rd, 2019.

Work continued on the delivery of other services:

- Ordinary Maintenance, Winter Maintenance Service and Maintenance of Plant and Machinery;
- Commencement of new centralised contract for maintenance of traffic signals/lights
- Capital Programme of Footpath Improvement Works;
- Public Lighting Services, maintenance and capital programme of Public Lighting upgrades and Energy Efficiency Schemes across the county;
- Development Control / Transport Planning Advice;
- Road Safety Improvement Schemes, Promotion and Education;
- Road Opening Licences, Abnormal Load Applications, Roads and Services in Charge queries;
- Review of bus licences and Bus Stop locations;
- Additional funding was provided by DTTAS of €694,000 for Drainage Schemes throughout the county and this was split across the six MDs to tackle drainage issues.

Environment

14.1 Overview

The protection of the environment and the enhancement of the county's natural and built environment are of significant importance for the residents of, and visitors to, County Meath. Clean air and water, a litter free countryside, pristine beaches and sustainable waste management systems are fundamental to a sustainable and high quality environment and improving the quality of life of our citizens.

The Council has responsibility for over 500 statutory environmental functions which are contained within legislation and which provide for proper regulatory and monitoring systems for environmental protection and control of pollution.

14.2 Climate Change

In 2019, there was very significant progress made with regard in the area of Climate Change and including the launch of a Climate Action Strategy containing a series of actions designed to address both mitigation and adaptation challenges. Implementation of the various actions were commenced and designed to ensure that climate change is embedded into our everyday activities, services and projects and in accordance with the all of government Climate Action Plan 2019.

Amongst the particular initiatives underway or proposed are:

- The establishment of a Climate Action Forum comprising of elected members of the Council and officials.
- The holding of a series of Climate Action Meath Climate Matter Roadshows in each of the municipal districts.
- The holding of a Council Day of Climate Action to coincide with the global day of climate action.
- The publication of a fortnightly newsletter to keep the elected members and staff abreast of developments with regard to Climate Change initiatives.
- A Sustainable Energies Community (SEC) project for Batterstown involving the development of an energy Master Plan.
- Attendance at Schools as part of the roll out of Climate Action training.
- Support for the National smart metering project -as part of the National Climate Action Plan, ESB Networks has recently commenced a major meter replacement programme, which will result in the upgrade of 2.4 million electricity meters to modern smart ready digital technology.

14.3 Environmental Education and Awareness

In 2019, the Council engaged in a wide range of environmental education and awareness activities and supports including:

- Bulky Waste - As part of the Council's successful Anti-Dumping Campaign 3 Mattress collection days were held in the Navan, Kells and Trim Recycling Centres during the 'Mattress May' – in excess of mattresses 700 mattress were collected some of which otherwise have been illegally deposited. There were also drop off days for Childrens and Nursery Equipment, Toys and Paint (99,000 litres of paint and paint pots were collected).
- Collaboration in a Food Waste Recycling Pilot project with Cre (the Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Association of Ireland) and the Irish Waste Management Association and with the

objective of addressing barriers to householders using their Food Waste bin effectively & continuously. Trim is included in the pilot and the roll out of materials to every household is due to commence at end of October 2019.

- The Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund (LA21) which has operated since 1997, promotes sustainable development by assisting small-scale environmental projects at local level. The Scheme renamed in 2019 the Community Environment Action Fund attracted 50 applications and had a particular emphasis on projects which target Climate Action and Biodiversity
- A draft Litter Management Plan for the County and covering the period 2019-2021 was published in late 2019 and will go for approval in Q4 2019.
- 135 groups across the county took part in the Anti-Litter Initiative 2019.
- 30 Meath Schools were awarded Green Flags by An Taisce Green Schools in May, a Green Schools Seminar for Meath is planned for November 2019.
- The Really Rubbish Film Festival had entries from 10 secondary schools, the movies produced will be shown as part of the youth programme at Guth Gafa Film Festival in November. A new website is currently underway to showcase the students work.
- Re Love Fashion – A new competition for secondary schools highlighting the negative effects of ‘Fast Fashion’ on the environment. Pilot scheme in 4 Meath, Dublin City, Westmeath and Wicklow in 2019.
- Supports to Community Groups through – Anti-Litter League, Pride of Place, Tidy Towns, Dog Awareness and Behaviour Events;
- Comprehensive Anti-Litter and Anti-Dumping Campaign – Cinema, Radio, Outdoor TV, Billboards, Social Media;
- Anti-dumping Initiatives – 5 Projects completed in 2019;
- Provision of signage across the county – Litter, dumping, car litter, dog fouling.

14.4 Air Quality

The EPA in 2017 published the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme 2017 - 2022 and providing for a greatly expanded national monitoring network providing enhanced real time information on air quality to the public. The programme provides for an additional 38 new monitoring stations in all urban areas, the siting of which will be based on the criteria of population size, vulnerability to air quality issues and spatial distribution. The network of sites will monitor a range of specified air quality parameters including particulates, heavy metals, inorganic and organic gases.

A new monitoring station for Navan in close proximity to the Fire Station has now been put in place and providing enhanced real time information on air quality for the area. New monitoring stations are also proposed for Drogheda and Balbriggan.

14.5 River Basin Management Plan 2018 -2021

The River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021 which was launched in 2018 and outlines the measures the State and other sectors will take to improve water quality in Ireland’s groundwater, rivers, lakes, estuarine and coastal waters over the next four years. The Plan, in fulfilment of requirements under the Water Framework Directive (WFD), is to result in the protection and improvement of water quality in approximately 726 of Ireland’s 4,829 water bodies over the next

four years. The 726 water bodies including 9 in County Meath form part of a total of 190 Areas for Action which have been prioritised nationally for particular attention during this cycle (2018–2021) and where a multidisciplinary and cross-agency approaches is involved. A number of public consultation events were held in priority areas for action in County Meath during 2019 and when works proposed were discussed.

Provision of Slipways –River Boyne and Blackwater: Following receipt of approval from An Bord Pleanála works were completed on the construction of 5 slipways on the River Boyne and River Blackwater and facilitating ease of access for Emergency Services and River Rescue organisations involved in searches etc.

14.6 Beach Management Plan

Following a period of public consultation the plan containing some 29 recommendations was adopted but subject to further consultation and agreement on resulting revisions to the County Meath 2010 Foreshore Bye-Laws - Consultants were appointed to progress the development of a Seafront Building and Civic Plaza at Seaview Terrace, Bettystown and providing a modern building where services can be provided and including library facilities, toilets, lifeguards and beach warden facilities etc.



Fire and Emergency Services

15.1 Fire Service

Meath Fire and Rescue Service covers a broad range of functions ranging from operational response to fire prevention, including:

- Fire fighting and rescue services
- Community fire safety
- Technical fire prevention
- Major emergency planning and pre incident planning

Meath Fire and Rescue Service responded to a wide range of incidents and emergencies in 2019. Specialised equipment and fleet are essential to service provision and ongoing procurement and maintenance formed an important element of the annual budget provision in 2019.

Fleet & Station Maintenance: Meath Fire and Rescue Service maintains over 30 fire appliances in seven stations throughout the county and there are a variety of different types of vehicles in operation. Capital funding was secured for the purchase of two 4Wheel Drive vehicles in 2019 to enhance response capability.

Dunshaughlin Fire Station was extended and upgraded in 2019, and enhanced welfare facilities provided, following previously approved government Capital Funding allocation.



Dunshaughlin Fire Station extended and upgraded in 2019

Health and Safety: Meath Fire and Rescue Service continues to strive hard in maintaining an effective Health and Safety Management System – certification to ISO 45001 was successfully renewed in August 2019. Meath Fire and Rescue Service was the first fire authority in the country to achieve the 45001 accreditation, an International Standard that specifies requirements for an occupational health and safety (OH&S) management system, with guidance for its use, to enable the fire service to proactively improve its OH&S performance in preventing injury and ill-health.

Equipment & Training: The Fire and Rescue Service employs a broad range of specialist equipment in the delivery of its operational rescue service and there was significant investment again during 2019 in equipment and ensuring its maintenance.

The fire service continues to monitor and implement improvements to meet statutory health and safety obligations and the agreed Training Plan for 2019 was fully delivered, ensuring high standards of service delivery.

15.2 Fire Prevention and Community Fire Safety

Fire Prevention Officers deal with a wide range of Fire Safety Certificate applications for new and existing developments and carry out a range of inspections to deal with fire safety of the existing building stock and proposed developments across County Meath. This is done through collaboration and strong links with the Planning and Building Control Sections of MCC.

Educating the community in fire safety is a key role for the fire service and targeted campaigns are carried out during the year at key times such as Fire Safety Week and Halloween. Fourth class children in primary schools in the county receive a presentation from trained fire service staff in Home Fire Safety. Meath Fire and Rescue Service endeavours to increase the level of activity in Community Fire Safety, paying particular attention to fire safety in the home as this is the area where the majority of fire fatalities and serious injuries occur.

15.3 Civil Defence

There are currently one hundred and eighty-four active volunteer members in Civil Defence throughout the county. In addition to regular training activities in the eight training centres and specialist training programmes volunteers were involved in 174 duty activities during the year throughout the county, providing assistance to the emergency services and local communities.



The national Civil Defence Branch issued the organisation with a new 4 x 4 crew-cab jeep and two of the older ambulances were upgraded to newer models. Three bicycles were purchased, and a medical cycle unit established providing additional resources to enable volunteers to continue providing excellence in service.



Additions to the Civil Defence Fleet

Work commenced on the construction of the new training and operational facility for the organisation on the Mullaghboy Industrial Estate, Navan and is due for completion in April 2020. The facility will be a tremendous asset to the organisation and will provide state of the art training, storage and operational capacity for the organisation to grow and expand the range of supports being provided to the emergency services and the community.



Sod turning for the new Civil Defence Headquarters.

Water Services

16.1 Overview

In 2019, Meath County Council completed the 6th year of the 12 year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Irish Water, under which the Council continued to provide reliable, high quality water supplies and wastewater collection and treatment services to the majority of residents, businesses and institutions throughout the county.

Under the Service Level Agreement, Meath County Council continued to operate and maintain all water services facilities and networks within County Meath and to project manage capital programmes on behalf of Irish Water. In this capacity, throughout 2019 the Council continued to play a critical role in the provision of essential Water and Wastewater Services to existing residents and businesses, whilst also planning and delivering further major capital upgrading, to facilitate the continued planned economic and residential development and growth of county Meath.

Drinking Water Supply and Conservation: In 2019, over 45 million litres of drinking water was produced by the Council daily at 64 treatment plants across the county and distributed to customers through a network of over 2,000 km of watermains. All water was produced to EU Drinking Water Regulation Standards with annual compliance consistently in excess of 99%. Modern, state-of-the-art mechanical, electrical and computer systems in place throughout the County monitored and measured water quality and quantity 24/7, with data transmitted wirelessly back to the Council on an ongoing basis. The quality of water in the networks was also manually tested by the Council daily, in order to ensure consistent quality.

Water Conservation is key to the sustainable use of drinking water and to the reliability and level of service provided to users. Throughout 2019 the Council continued to proactively identify and fix leaks on the network, with over 800 leaks repaired and several Km's of troublesome water main replaced reducing burst frequency and associated disruptions to supply.

Wastewater: Wastewater from residents and businesses throughout Meath was collected via a network of more than 1,000km and processed at over 40 treatment plants operated and maintained by the Council across the County. Treated water was discharged back to the environment in compliance with EPA required standards. In 2019, all wastewater treatment plants in Meath were consistently compliant with the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive standards.

Capital Development: During 2019, the Council project managed and delivered a number of major Water Services capital projects, including;

- Kilmessan WTP
- Kentstown WWTP storm tank and screening
- Watermain Replacement – 30km at various locations.
- Kildalkey WWTP upgrade.
- East Meath Water Supply SCADA and Telemetry



Upgrade works completed at Kentstown Wastewater Treatment Plant

In addition the Council progressed the planning / construction of several other major projects, including;

- Liscarton WTP upgrade
- Navan Trunk watermain replacement.
- Ashbourne Trunk watermain replacement.
- Navan & Mid Meath / East Meath Water Supply Scheme.
- Enfield Sewerage Scheme
- Stamullen Sewerage Scheme
- Kells Sewerage Scheme
- Trim & Kells WWTP Aeration upgrades

This, coupled with the Council's on-going commitment to water conservation and continued close engagement with Irish Water to secure further capital investment for critical Water Services infrastructure, will serve to facilitate the planned development and growth of Meath going forward.

Meath County Council as WSA: Irish Water does not have responsibility for storm water, storm flooding, group schemes, Private Regulated Water Supplies, well grants or lead piping replacement grants, hence, the Council continues to have direct responsibility for these matters. Meath County Council remains the Water Services Authority for Private Regulated Water Supplies (ie private Group Water Schemes, Hotels with own wells, premises serving the public with own wells, etc.) and yearly performance is measured by NOAC (National Oversight and Audit Committee). There are almost 200 Private Regulated Water Supplies in Meath which are monitored by the Water Services Department. In 2019 overall compliance for these supplies in Meath was 98%.

Financial: The Council's 2019 Budget made provision for Water Services staff payroll, directly incurred costs and a representative proportion of the Central Management Charge, which were recouped on a monthly basis from Irish Water during the year.

Irish Water budgeted directly for the provision of the goods and services (including Energy) associated with the provision of Water Services. Irish Water is regulated by the CRU (Commission for the Regulation of Utilities) to ensure that Customer service, Budget and Efficiency Targets are being met.

Appendix 1 - Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Members

January 2019 - May 2019

Environmental Services SPC

Cllr. Tommy Reilly (Chair)	Cllr. Michael Gallagher
Cllr. Joe Bonner	Cllr. Wayne Harding
Cllr. Francis Deane	Cllr. Suzanne Jamal
Cllr. Eimear Ferguson	Cllr. Claire O'Driscoll
Cllr. Wayne Forde	Cllr. Sharon Tolan
Karen Mahon	Environmental – Pillar
Thomas Rogers	Community/Voluntary – Pillar
Peter Farrelly	Agriculture/Farming – Pillar
Bill Sweeney	Business/Commercial – Pillar
Val Reilly	Trade Union - Pillar

Transportation SPC

Cllr. Paddy Meade (Chair)	Cllr. Johnny Guirke
Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	Cllr. Jim Holloway
Cllr. Sean Drew	Cllr. Gerry O'Connor
Cllr. Enda Flynn	Cllr. Bryan Reilly
Cllr. David Gilroy	Cllr. Conor Tormey
Tom Behan	Community/Voluntary - Pillar
Geoffrey Clarke	Environmental/Conservation – Pillar
Peter Farrelly	Agriculture/Farming – Pillar
Sean Boyle	Business/Commercial – Pillar
John Fitzgerald	Development/Construction - Pillar

Planning Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

Cllr. Alan Tobin, (Chair)	Cllr. Tom Kelly
Cllr. Joe Fox, Chair	Cllr. Ronan McKenna
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Darren O'Rourke
Cllr. Noel French	Cllr. Damien O'Reilly
Cllr. Trevor Golden	Cllr. Edward Fennessy
Kieran Cummins	Community/Voluntary - Pillar
Alan Watson	Agriculture/Farming – Pillar
Seamus Miggin	Agriculture/Farming – Pillar
John V. Farrelly	Business/Commercial - Pillar
Frank Harrington	Business/Commercial - Pillar
Alan Byrne	Development/Construction - Pillar

Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC

Cllr. Sarah Reilly, (Chair)	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Sinéad Burke	Cllr. Maria Uí Ruaire
Cllr. Sharon Keogan	Cllr. Nick Killian
Cllr. Caroline Lynch	Cllr. Gillian Toole
Cllr. Stephen McKee	Cllr. Pádraig Fitzsimons
Niamh Bn Ui Loinsigh	Community/Voluntary – Pillar
Gerard Weldon	Community/Voluntary - Pillar
Robert Bradley	Trade Union - Pillar
Cathy Whelan	Social Inclusion - Pillar
Michele McCullough	Social Inclusion – Pillar

Climate Action and Environment SPC

Cllr. Eugene Cassidy Chair	Cllr. David Gilroy
Cllr. Tom Behan	Cllr. Suzanne Jamal
Cllr. Joe Bonner	Cllr. Sharon Keogan
Cllr. Mike Bray	Cllr. Ronan Moore
Cllr. Francis Deane	Cllr. Gillian Toole
Karen Mahon	Environmental – Pillar
Thomas Rogers	Community/Voluntary – Pillar
John Curran	Agriculture/Farming – Pillar
Riona Gilroy	Business/Commercial – Pillar
Noel Maguire	Trade Union - Pillar

Transportation SPC

Cllr. Trevor Golden (Chair)	Cllr. Paul McCabe
Cllr. Noel French	Cllr. Paddy Meade
Cllr. Deirdre Geraghty-Smith	Cllr. Gerry O'Connor
Cllr. Johnny Guirke	Cllr. Amanda Smith
Cllr. Wayne Harding	Cllr. Sharon Tolan
Alan Watson	Community/Voluntary - Pillar
Geoffrey Clarke	Environmental/Conservation – Pillar
John Curran	Agriculture/Farming – Pillar
Damien Hughes	Business/Commercial – Pillar
Alan Brunton	Development/Construction - Pillar

Planning Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

Cllr. Pdraig Fitzsimons, (Chair)	Cllr. Stephen McKee
Cllr. Aisling Dempsey	Cllr. Darren O'Rourke
Cllr. Brian Fitzgerald	Cllr. Sarah Reilly
Cllr. Joe Fox	Cllr. Tommy Reilly
Cllr. Annie Hoey	Cllr. Alan Tobin
John Curran	Agriculture/Farming - Pillar
Kieran Cummins	Environment/Conservation – Pillar
Gary Plunkett	Development/Construction – Pillar
Sean Boyle	Business/Commercial - Pillar
Michael Wall	Business/Commercial - Pillar

Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC

Cllr. Damien O'Reilly, (Chair)	Cllr. Alan Lawes
Cllr. Yemi Adenuga	Cllr. Maria Murphy
Cllr. Sean Drew	Cllr. Niamh Souhan
Cllr. Edward Fennessy	Cllr. Emer Tóibín
Cllr. Nick Killian	Cllr. Conor Tormey
Niamh Bn Ui Loinsigh	Community/Voluntary – Pillar
Gerard Weldon	Community/Voluntary - Pillar
John Regan	Trade Union - Pillar
Sinead Smith	Social Inclusion - Pillar
Michele McCullough	Social Inclusion – Pillar

Appendix 2 – SPC Activities

Activities of the Strategic Policy Committees 2019

Strategic Policy Committee	Number of Meetings
Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs	2
Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services	2
Transportation	3
Housing, Community and Cultural Development	4

Appendix 3 – Committees of the Council

January 2019 - May 2019

Committee	Name	Party
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Cllr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Sharon Keogan	Non-Party
	Cllr Noel French	Fine Gael
	Cllr. David Gilroy	Non-Party
Meath Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	Cllr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Enda Flynn	Fine Gael
Regional Advisory Council Teagasc	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
Regional Health Forum	Cllr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Wayne Forde	Non-Party
	Cllr Gillian Toole	Fine Gael
	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
	Cllr Claire O'Driscoll	Fianna Fáil
(LCDC) Local Community Development Committee	Cllr Sinéad Burke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Sharon Keogan	Non-Party
	Cllr Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael
Audit Committee	Cllr Sean Drew	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr. Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael
(LMETB) Louth Meath Education Training Board	Cllr Eimear Ferguson	Sinn Féin
	Cllr. Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael
	Cllr Nick Killian	Non-Party
	Cllr Trevor Golden	Non-Party

Committee	Name	Party
	Cllr Damien O'Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
Association of Irish Local Government	Cllr Joe Fox	Fine Gael
	Cllr Nick Killian	Non-Party
	Cllr Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael
	Cllr Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Noel French	Fine Gael
LAMA	Clls Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Cllr Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael
Meath Enterprise Centre Company Ltd	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sinead Burke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons	Fianna Fáil
East Border Region (Directors)	Cllr Eugene Cassidy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Damien O'Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sharon Keogan	Non-Party
Forum of East Border Region	Cllr Gillian Toole	Fine Gael
	Cllr Trevor Golden	Non-Party
	Cllr Eimear Ferguson	Sinn Féin
Meath Local Sports Partnerhsip Ltd	Cllr Enda Flynn	Fine Gael
Disability Advisory Committee	Cllr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Michael Gallagher	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Alan Tobin	Fine Gael
	Cllr Stephen McKee	Fianna Fáil
Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly	Cllr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Non-Party
	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd	Cllr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael

Committee	Name	Party
	Cllr Wayne Forde	Non-Party
Meath Tourism Ltd	Cllr Ronan McKenna	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Eimear Ferguson	Sinn Féin
	Cllr David Gilroy	Non-Party
	Cllr Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael
	Cllr Alan Tobin	Fine Gael
Athboy Social Needs & Recreational Company Ltd	Cllr David Gilroy	Non-Party
	Cllr Johnny Guirke	Sinn Féin
Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd	Cllr Bryan Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sean Drew	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael
	Cllr Michael Gallagher	Sinn Féin
Meath Heritage Forum	Cllr Gillian Toole	Fine Gael
	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
	Cllr Wayne Forde	Non-Party
	Cllr David Gilroy	Non-Party
	Cllr Trevor Golden	Non-Party
Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd (Directors)	Cllr Ronan McKenna	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Caroline Lynch	Sinn Féin
Navan Sports & Leisure Company	Cllr Wayne Forde	Non-Party
	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
Indaver Community Liaison Committee	Cllr Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael
	Cllr Stephen McKee	Fianna Fáil
North East Regional Drugs Task	Cllr Gillian Toole	Fine Gael
	Cllr Maria O’Kane	Sinn Féin
Brú na Bóinne Consultative Committee	Cllr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
Meath Age Friendly Alliance	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael

Committee	Name	Party
Trim Visitors' Centre	Cllr Trevor Golden	Non-Party
	Cllr Caroline Lynch	Sinn Féin
Knockharley Community Liaison Committee	Cllr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
	Cllr Claire O'Driscoll	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
Joint Policing Committee	Cllr. Gillian Toole	Fine Gael
	Cllr. Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr. Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael
	Cllr. Claire O'Driscoll	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr. Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr. Eimear Fergsuon	Sinn Féin
	Cllr. Sinéad Burke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr. Alan Tobin	Fine Gael
	Cllr. Pdraig Fitzsimons	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr. David Gilroy	Non-Party
	Cllr. Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Cllr. Trevor Golden	Non-Party
	Cllr. Stephen McKee	Fianna Fáil
Cllr. Edward Fennessy	Sinn Féin	
Cllr. Enda Flynn	Fine Gael	
Community Reps	John Tobin	
	Carol O'Flaherty	
	Bernard Kenny	
	Conor O'Leary	
	Bill Comerford	
	Salomé Maher Bordalo/Patrycja Sjuza	
	Tracy McElhinney	
Ronnie Owens		
MCC Staff	Jackie Maguire	

Committee	Name	Party
	Barry Lynch	
	Fiona Fallon	
Gardai	Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy	
	A/Superintendent Martina Noonan	
Oireachtas Members	Peadar Tóibín	
	Damien English	
	Regina Doherty	
	Thomas Byrne	
	Helen McEntee	
	Shane Cassells	
	Ray Butler	
Protocol Committee	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Non-Party
	Cllr Joe Fox	Fine Gael
	Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael
	Cllr Sinéad Burke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael
	Cllr Tom Kelly	Non-Party
	Cllr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
CPG	Cllr Tom Kelly	Non-Party
	Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Non-Party
	Cllr Joe Fox	Fine Gael
	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
	Cllr Alan Tobin	Fine Gael
	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael
Municipal District Chairs (change yearly)	Cllr Conor Tormey	Ashbourne

Committee	Name	Party
	Clr Eugene Cassidy	Kells
	Clr Wayne Harding	Laytown/ Bettystown
	Clr Jim Holloway	Navan
	Clr Maria Murphy	Ratoath
	Clr Trevor Golden	Trim

Committee	Name	Party
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	Cllr Yemi Adenuga	Fine Gael
	Cllr Nick Killian	Non-Party
	Cllr Annie Hoey	Labour
	Cllr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Noel French	Fine Gael
	Cllr. David Gilroy	Non-Party
Meath Comhairle na nÓg Steering Committee	Cllr Mike Bray	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Ronan Moore	Social Democrats
Regional Advisory Council Teagasc	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
Regional Health Forum	Cllr Tom Behan	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Niamh Souhan	Fine Gael
	Cllr Emer Tóibín	Aontú
	Cllr Gillian Toole	Non-Party
(LCDC) Local Community Development Committee	Cllr Yemi Adenuga	Fine Gael
	Cllr Mike Bray	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Annie Hoey	Labour
Audit Committee	Cllr Sean Drew	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr. Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael
(LMETB) Louth Meath Education Training Board	Cllr Deirdre Geraghty-Smith	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Nick Killian	Non-Party
	Cllr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Damien O'Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Emer Tóibín	Aontú
	Cllr Sharon Tolan	Fine Gael

Committee	Name	Party
Association of Irish Local Government	Cllr Joe Fox	Fine Gael
	Cllr Nick Killian	Non-Party
	Cllr Damien O'Reilly	Fine Gael
LAMA	Cllr Sharon Keogan	Non-Party
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
Navan Enterprise Centre Company Ltd	Cllr Yemi Adenuga	Fine Gael
	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Cllr Edward Fennessy	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Emer Tóibín	Aontú
East Border Region (Directors)	Cllr Sean Drew	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Trevor Golden	Non-Party
	Cllr Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael
Forum of East Border Region	Cllr Tom Behan	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Paul McCabe	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
Meath Local Sports Partnerhsip Ltd	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly	Cllr Paddy Meade	Fine Gael
	Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Non-Party
	Cllr Damien O'Reilly	Fianna Fáil
Board of Meath Arts Centre Ltd	Cllr Yemi Adenuga	Fine Gael
	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons	Fianna Fáil
Boyne Valley Tourism Ltd	Cllr Tom Behan	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Aisling Dempsey	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Edward Fennessy	Sinn Féin
	Cllr David Gilroy	Non-Party
	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael

Committee	Name	Party
Athboy Social Needs & Recreational Company Ltd	Cllr Mike Bray	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr David Gilroy	Non-Party
Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd	Cllr Mike Bray	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sean Drew	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Paul McCabe	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael
Meath Heritage Forum	Cllr Edward Fennessy	Fine Gael
	Cllr Noel French	Fine Gael
	Cllr Annie Hoey	Labour
	Cllr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
	Cllr Paul McCabe	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Maria Murphy	Fine Gael
Trim Sports & Leisure Centre Company Ltd (Directors)	Cllr Aisling Dempsey	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Joe Fox	Fine Gael
Navan Sports & Leisure Company	Cllr Edward Fennessy	Sinn Féin
	Cllr Alan Lawes	Non-Party
	Cllr Emer Tóibín	Aontú
Indaver Community Liaison Committee	Cllr Sharon Keogan	Non-Party
	Cllr Stephen McKee	Fianna Fáil
North East Regional Drugs Task	Cllr Paul McCabe	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Niamh Souhan	Fine Gael
Meath Age Friendly Alliance	Cllr Gillian Toole	Fine Gael
Knockharley Community Liaison Committee	Cllr Joe Bonner	Non-Party
	Cllr Suzanne Jamal	Fine Gael
	Cllr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
Joint Policing Committee	Cllr Yemi Adenuga	Fine Gael
	Cllr Tom Behan	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party

Committee	Name	Party
	Clr Edward Fennessy	Sinn Féin
	Clr Pdraig Fitzsimons	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Noel French	Fine Gael
	Clr Deirdre Geraghty-Smith	Fianna Fáil
	Clr David Gilroy	Non-Party
	Clr Trevor Golden	Non-Party
	Clr Alan Lawes	Non-Party
	Clr Paul McCabe	Fianna Fáil
	Clr Maria Murpy	Fine Gael
	Clr Darren O'Rourke	Sinn Féin
	Clr Alan Tobin	Fine Gael
	Clr Gillian Toole	Non-Party
Community Reps	John Tobin	
	Tinu Achioya	
	Bernard Kenny	
	Conor O'Leary	
	Ronnie Owens	
	Sarah Maher	
	Bill Commerford	
MCC Staff	Jackie Maguire	
	Barry Lynch	
	Fiona Fallon	
Gardai	Chief Superintendent Fergus Healy	
	Superintendent Sean Farrell	
Oireachtas Members	Peadar Tóibín	
	Damien English	
	Regina Doherty	
	Thomas Byrne	
	Helen McEntee	

Committee	Name	Party
	Shane Cassells	
Protocol Committee	Cllr Aisling Dempsey	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Francis Deane	Non-Party
	Cllr Edward Fennessy	Sinn Fein
	Cllr Trevor Golden	Non-Party
	Cllr Wayne Harding	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Paul McCabe	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Gerry O'Connor	Fine Gael
	Cllr Sarah Reilly	Fine Gael
	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Fianna Fáil
	Cllr Gillian Toole	Non-Party
CPG	Cllr Alan Tobin	Ashbourne
	Cllr Eugene Cassidy	Kells
	Cllr Wayne Harding	Laytown/ Bettystown
	Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons	Navan
	Cllr Damien O'Reilly	Ratoath
	Cllr Trevor Golden	Trim
Municipal District Chairs (change yearly)	Cllr Alan Tobin	Ashbourne
	Cllr Sean Drew	Kells
	Cllr Sharon Keogan	Laytown/ Bettystown
	Cllr Tommy Reilly	Navan
	Cllr Brian Fitzgerald	Ratoath
	Cllr Noel French	Trim

Appendix 4 – Payments to Members of Meath County Council

Annual Councillors Expenses (Travel, subsistence, vouched/unvouched element)	€ 248,856.59
Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach Allowances (subject to taxation)	€77,326.03
Allowance Chairpersons of Strategic Policy Committees	€24,000.00
Members Representational Payments (subject to taxation)	€685,046.20
Allowance Municipal District Members (subject to taxation)	€9,917.81
Miscellaneous Expenses	€3,960.42

Appendix 5 – Conferences Abroad

List of Approved Abroad Conferences and members who attended in 2019

Title	Dates	Members Attended
St Patrick's Day – New York	March 2019	Cllr. Enda Flynn Cllr. Trevor Golden Cllr. Suzanne Jamal Cllr. Ronan McKenna
St Patrick's Day – London	March 2019	Cllr. Sharon Keogan Cllr. Gerry O'Connor Cllr. Claire O'Driscoll
Urban Future Global Conference - Oslo, Norway	May 2019	Cllr. Jim Holloway
Ashbourne Twinning - Corcubion, Spain	July 2019	Cllr. Wayne Harding Cllr. Alan Tobin
East Border Region EU Study Visit - Leuven Institute, Belgium	November 2019	Cllr. Trevor Golden Cllr. Paddy Meade Cllr. Paul McCabe Cllr. Gerry O'Connor
Innovation Politics Awards - Berlin, Germany	December 2019	Cllr. David Gilroy Cllr. Wayne Harding

Appendix 6 – Conferences/Training at Home

January – May 2019

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Conference Cost	Total Cost
30th Colmcille Winter School	22/02/2019 – 23/02/2019	Cllr. Jim Holloway	€146.91	€150.00	€296.91

May – December 2019

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Conference Cost	Total Cost
MacGill Summer School 2019	21/07/2019 – 26/07/2019	Cllr. Eugene Cassidy	€640.00	€40.00	€680.00
		Cllr. Joe Fox	€533.42	€60.00	€593.42
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€497.79	€40.00	€537.79
		Cllr. Stephen McKee	€358.59	€40.00	€398.59
		Cllr. Paddy Meade	€580.00	€120.00	€700.00
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€643.66	€60.00	€703.66
Kennedy Summer School	07/09/2019	Cllr. Stephen McKee	€196.87	€25.00	€221.87
Lets Talk Tourism Conference 2019	08/11/2019	Cllr. David Gilroy	€408.57	€195.00	€603.57
		Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€504.52	€195.00	€699.52
LCDC Networking Event	09/11/2019	Cllr. Yemi Adenuga	€98.16	€0.00	€98.16
Climate & Biodiversity Action Workshop 2019	04/12/2019	Cllr. Gerry O'Connor	€45.75	€0.00	€45.75

Training

January – May 2019

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Training Cost	Total Cost
AILG Module 1 Training 2019 – Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies	19/01/2019	Cllr. Sean Drew	€0.00	€55.00	€55.00
		Cllr. Enda Flynn	€0.00	€55.00	€55.00
		Cllr. Joe Fox	€62.60	€55.00	€117.60

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Training Cost	Total Cost
		Cllr. Michael Gallagher	€0.00	€55.00	€0.00
		Cllr. Tom Kelly	€94.85	€55.00	€149.85
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€86.78	€55.00	€141.79
		Cllr. Nick Killian	€93.06	€55.00	€148.06
		Cllr. Maria Murphy	€69.69	€55.00	€124.69
		Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€74.61	€55.00	€129.61
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€65.69	€55.00	€120.29
		Cllr. Alan Tobin	€100.67	€55.00	€155.67
AILG Annual Training Conference 2019	21/02/2019 – 22/02/2019	Cllr. Michael Gallagher	€220.78	€140.00	€360.78
		Cllr. Jim Holloway	€184.48	€140.00	€324.48
		Cllr. Tom Kelly	€240.49	€140.00	€380.49
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€234.66	€140.00	€374.66
		Cllr. Nick Killian	€354.77	€140.00	€494.77
		Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€203.47	€140.00	€343.47
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€214.51	€140.00	€354.51
LAMA Spring Training Seminar 2019	07/03/2019 -08/03/2019	Cllr. Joe Bonner	€0.00	€180.00	€180.00
		Cllr. Jim Holloway	€213.15	€180.00	€393.15
		Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	€124.52	€180.00	€304.52
		Cllr. Nick Killian	€382.54	€180.00	€562.54
		Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€361.97	€180.00	€541.97
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€370.57	€180.00	€550.57
AILG Module 2 Training 2019 – “The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities	23/03/2019	Cllr. Joe Fox	€235.11	€55.00	€290.11
Irish Planning Institute – Annual Planning Conference 2019	03/04/2019 – 04/04/2019	Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€229.78	€360.00	€589.78
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€371.47	€360.00	€731.47

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Training Cost	Total Cost
AILG Module 3 Training 2019 – Induction Training for Elected Members	11/07/2019	Cllr. Aisling Dempsey	€40.76	€55.00	€95.76
		Cllr. Nick Killian	€93.22	€55.00	€148.22
	13/07/2019	Cllr. Joe Fox	€254.31	€55.00	€309.31
		Cllr. Trevor Golden	€271.33	€55.00	€326.33
		Cllr. Wayne Harding	€310.04	€55.00	€365.04
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€295.97	€55.00	€350.97
		Cllr. Paul McCabe	€279.40	€55.00	€334.40
		Cllr. Stephen McKee	€186.39	€55.00	€241.39
		Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€392.20	€55.00	€447.20
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€280.47	€55.00	€335.47
		Cllr. Emer Tóibín	€77.04	€55.00	€132.04
		Cllr. Conor Tormey	€271.33	€55.00	€326.33
AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2019	11/09/2019 – 12/09/2019	Cllr. Yemi Adenuga	€315.52	€140.00	€455.52
		Cllr. Pdraig Fitzsimons	€159.99	€140.00	€299.99
		Cllr. David Gilroy	€316.86	€140.00	€456.86
		Cllr. Trevor Golden	€334.34	€140.00	€474.34
		Cllr. Wayne Harding	€363.58	€140.00	€503.58
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€321.35	€140.00	€461.35
		Cllr. Suzanne Jamal	€76.59	€140.00	€216.59
		Cllr. Stephen McKee	€80.62	€140.00	€220.62
		Cllr. Paddy Meade	€302.53	€140.00	€442.53
		Cllr. Maria Murphy	€201.95	€140.00	€341.95
		Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€442.09	€140.00	€582.09
		Cllr. Darren O'Rourke	€84.65	€140.00	€224.65
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€233.28	€140.00	€373.29
		Cllr. Alan Tobin	€206.78	€140.00	€346.78
Irish Planning Institute Autumn Planning Conference 2019 – Plan Making: Best Practice and Emerging Trends	4 th October 2019	Cllr. Damien O'Reilly	€69.17	€250.00	€319.17
		Cllr. Deirdre Geraghty-Smith	€0.00	€250.00	€250.00
			€0.00	€250.00	€250.00

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Training Cost	Total Cost
		Cllr. Gillian Toole			
AILG Module 4 Training 2019 – ‘The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator’	12 th October 2019	Cllr. Yemi Adenuga	€67.25	€55.00	€122.25
		Cllr. Tom Behan	€43.00	€55.00	€98.00
		Cllr. Joe Bonner	€0.00	€55.00	€55.00
		Cllr. Deirdre Geraghty-Smith	€0.00	€55.00	€55.00
		Cllr. Trevor Golden	€79.79	€55.00	€134.79
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€58.29	€55.00	€113.29
		Cllr. Nick Killian	€106.76	€55.00	€161.76
		Cllr. Damien O’Reilly	€141.84	€55.00	€196.84
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€110.10	€55.00	€165.10
		Cllr. Amanda Smith	€57.39	€55.00	€112.39
		Cllr. Sharon Tolan	€59.18	€55.00	€114.18
		Cllr. Alan Tobin	€0.00	€55.00	€55.00
LAMA Autumn Training Seminar 2019 – Biodiversity and Sustainability	17/10/2019 – 19/10/2019	Cllr. Joe Fox	€468.62	€180.00	€648.62
		Cllr. David Gilroy	€484.74	€180.00	€664.74
		Cllr. Trevor Golden	€580.76	€180.00	€760.76
		Cllr. Wayne Harding	€568.15	€180.00	€748.15
		Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€701.12	€180.00	€881.12
		Cllr. Nick Killian Cllr.	€768.61	€180.00	€948.61
		Suzanne Jamal Cllr.	€507.14	€180.00	€687.14
		Damien O’Reilly Cllr.	€694.73	€180.00	€874.73
		Tommy Reilly Cllr.	€690.93	€180.00	€870.93
		Amanda Smith Cllr.	€498.00	€180.00	€678.00
		Emer Tóibín Cllr.	€485.91	€180.00	€665.91
		Sharon Tolan Cllr.	€382.53	€180.00	€562.53
		Conor Tormey	€508.30	€180.00	€688.30

Title	Dates	Members Attended	Travel & Subs Cost	Training Cost	Total Cost
AILG Module 5 Training 2019 – “Climate Action” – The Local Authority Response”	21/11/2019	Cllr. Sharon Keogan	€348.77	€55.00	€403.77
		Cllr. Paddy Meade	€96.36	€55.00	€151.36
		Cllr. Amanda Smith	€248.04	€55.00	€303.04
	23/11/2019	Cllr. Joe Fox	€554.99	€55.00	€609.99
		Cllr. Trevor Golden	€555.09	€55.00	€610.09
		Cllr. Wayne Harding	€643.18	€55.00	€698.18
		Cllr. Stephen McKee	€439.37	€55.00	€494.37
		Cllr. Damien O’Reilly	€464.20	€55.00	€519.20
		Cllr. Tommy Reilly	€624.79	€55.00	€679.79
		Cllr. Sharon Tolan	€628.59	€55.00	€683.59
		Cllr. Conor Tormey	€372.11	€55.00	€427.11

Appendix 7 – Meetings of the Council – 2019

Monthly Meetings	9
Special Meetings	2
Annual	1
Pre Budget and Budget	2
Protocol	9
CPG	9
SPC – Environmental	2
SPC - Transportation	3
SPC – Housing, Community & Cultural Development	4
SPC – Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise	2
Municipal District –	
Ashbourne	13
Kells	14
Laytown/Bettystown	13
Navan	13
Ratoath	13
Trim	13

Appendix 8 – Annual Financial Statement

Meath County Council Annual Financial Report 2019*

Expenditure	Revenue (€m)	Capital (€m)
Housing & Building	27.783	63.057
Roads Transportation & Safety	41.928	15.761
Water & Sewerage	9.632	0.377
Development Incentives & Controls	11.113	4.089
Environment Protection	13.623	4.441
Recreation & Amenity	8.087	2.647
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	0.848	0.619
Miscellaneous	10.566	1.673
Total	123.580	92.664
Income (see funding sources below)	79.131	100.050
Net Transfers		5.562
Net Revenue Cost to be funded from Rates & LPT	(44.449)	
Rates	38.497	
Local Property Tax	14.037	
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	(7.818)	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	0.268	5.510
Opening Balance (01/01/19)	(0.952)	51.246
Closing Balance	(0.684)	64.194

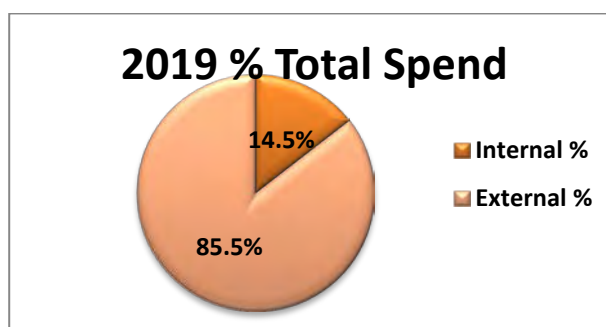
* subject to the adoption of the AFS 2019 at the June Council Meeting

Appendix 9 - Municipal District Allocation 2019

This provides an overview of expenditure for the overall Municipal District Allocation for 2019.

Overview

(a)	Total no. of applications received	587
(b)	No. of applications withdrawn	3
(c)	No. of valid applications for processing received (a – b)	584
(d)	Total annual fund	€480,000.00
(e)	Total amount deferred from 2018	€48,857.48
(f)	Total fund available in 2019	€528,857.48
(g)	Amount that reverted to MD at year end	€19,050.00
(h)	Total amount allocated - 2019	€509,807.48



Internal Allocations¹

Total number of internal applications complete	29
Total internal allocation	€74,174.73
% of Total Allocation (h)	14.5%

Department/Project	No. of allocations	Total amount allocated €	% of total allocation (h)
Housing – Homeless Services	2	18,150.00	3.5%
Well Restoration Works	2	16,750.00	3%

¹ Internal allocations are allocations made to a Council department for agreed works to be carried out by that department; External allocations are allocations made to an external group, e.g. a community group.

Transportation – Infrastructural Works	2	9,647.73	2%
Transportation – LIS	10	8,500.00	1.5%
Transportation – CIS	5	5,578.00	1%
Wheelchair accessible bench	1	5,550.00	1%
Transportation – Hedge Cutting	1	3,859.00	0.8%
Transportation – Roadworks	1	1,800.00	0.4%
Transportation – Tree replacement	1	1,750.00	0.4%
Transportation – Speed ramps	1	1,000.00	0.35%
Transportation – Grit bins	1	840.00	0.25%
Transportation – Pollinator Project	1	500.00	0.15%
Transportation – Safety mirror	1	250.00	0.15%

External Allocations

Total number of external applications complete	555
Total external allocation	€435,632.75
% of Total Allocation (h)	85.5%

Category	No. of allocations	Total amount allocated €	% of total allocation (h)
Sports organisations/facilities	156	153,937.00	30%
Support Services	69	55,350.00	11%
Residents Associations	103	45,700.75	9%
Tidy Towns/Pride of Place	45	43,460.00	8.5%
Community development/organisations	47	38,210.00	7.5%
Heritage/Tourism/Environment	37	32,391.00	6.5%
Schools	36	27,190.00	5.5%
Youth organisations/facilities	25	17,444.00	3.5%
Drama/Culture/Arts	25	12,700.00	2.5%
Festivals/Events	12	9,250.00	1.5%

Appendix 10 – Election Results 24 May 2019

LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF ASHBOURNE LEA, MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL	TOTAL ELECTORATE	21,081	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED JOE BONNER (NON-P.) ALAN TOBIN (F.G.) SUZANNE JAMAL (F.G.) SHARON KEOGAN (NON-P.) CONOR TORMEY (F.F.) DARREN O'ROURKE (S.F.)						
	INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	196							
	VALID POLL	10,019							
	NUMBER OF SEATS	6							
	QUOTA	1,432							

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (12 No.) <i>(* Denotes outgoing member)</i>	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of Bonner, J's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Tobin, A's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Reilly, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'Neill, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of Stillman, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of Jamal, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Tuite, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of Nolan, P's Votes and Result
* BONNER, JOE (NON-P.)	M	2,170	-738							
			1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432
* JAMAL, SUZANNE (F.G.)	F	1,175	+64	+19	+70	+8	+143	-47		
			1,239	1,258	1,328	1,336	1,479	1,432	1,432	1,432
KEOGAN, SHARON (NON-P.)	F	1,180	+89	+8	+15	+14	+89	+20	+128	-
			1,269	1,277	1,292	1,306	1,395	1,415	1,543	1,543
Mellor, Lisa (F.F.)	F	721	+17	+2	+50	+5	+94	+7	+59	+50
			738	740	790	795	889	896	955	1,005
Nolan, Paul (S.D.)	M	401	+145	+23	+5	+37	+10	+6	+41	-668
			546	569	574	611	621	627	668	-
O'Neill, Aisling (S.F.)	F	311	+67	+9	+2	-389				
			378	387	389	-	-	-	-	-
* O'ROURKE, DARREN (S.F.)	M	501	+72	+8	+11	+244	+11	+1	+102	+198
			573	581	592	836	847	848	950	1,148
Reilly, Sarah-Jane (F.F.)	F	266	+18	+3	-287					
			284	287	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stillman, John (F.G.)	M	389	+25	+16	+5	+4	-439			
			414	430	435	439	-	-	-	-
* TOBIN, ALAN (F.G.)	M	1,565	-	-133						
			1,565	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432
* TORMEY, CONOR (F.F.)	M	817	+202	+41	+72	+19	+16	+9	+80	+101
			1,019	1,060	1,132	1,151	1,167	1,176	1,256	1,357
Tuite, Joseph (A)	M	523	+39	+4	+17	+7	+23	+4	-617	-
			562	566	583	590	613	617	-	-

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Non - transferable papers not effective	-	-	-	+40	+51	+53	-	+207	+319
				40	91	144	144	351	670
TOTAL	10,019	10,019	10,019	10,019	10,019	10,019	10,019	10,019	10,019

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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019

CONSTITUENCY OF

KELLS LEA, MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

TOTAL ELECTORATE	26,262
INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	250
VALID POLL	14,197
NUMBER OF SEATS	7
QUOTA	1,775

CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED

SEÁN DREW (F.F.)
SARAH REILLY (F.G.)
JOHNNY GUIRKE (S.F.)
EUGENE CASSIDY (F.G.)
PAUL MCCABE (F.F.)
DAVID GILROY (NON-P.)
MIKE BRAY (F.F.)

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (13 No.) <i>(* Denotes outgoing member)</i>	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of Drew, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Reilly, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of McDonagh, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of Byrne, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of Devin, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of Fox, O's Votes and Result	Transfer of Gallagher, M's Votes and Result
BRAY, MIKE (F.F.)	M	1,020	+50 1,070	+18 1,088	+8 1,096	+36 1,132	+46 1,178	+206 1,384	+74 1,458
Byrne, Aaron (LAB.)	M	380	+22 402	+12 414	+76 490	-490 -	- -	- -	- -
* CASSIDY, EUGENE (F.G.)	M	1,413	+8 1,421	+42 1,463	+7 1,470	+44 1,514	+33 1,547	+22 1,569	+223 1,792
Devin, Peter (A)	M	572	+8 580	+6 586	+23 609	+39 648	-648 -	- -	- -
* DREW, SEÁN (F.F.)	M	1,996	-221 1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775
Farrelly, Peter (F.G.)	M	970	+30 1,000	+61 1,061	+22 1,083	+53 1,136	+41 1,177	+170 1,347	+63 1,410
Fox, Oliver (F.F.)	M	698	+13 711	+5 716	- 716	+11 727	+34 761	-761 -	- -
* Gallagher, Michael (S.F.)	M	997	+16 1,013	+6 1,019	+52 1,071	+49 1,120	+96 1,216	+19 1,235	-1,235 -
* GILROY, DAVID (NON-P.)	M	1,118	+4 1,122	+11 1,133	+38 1,171	+63 1,234	+106 1,340	+17 1,357	+136 1,493
* GUIRKE, JOHNNY (S.F.)	M	1,678	+7 1,685	+8 1,693	+31 1,724	+24 1,748	+48 1,796	- 1,796	- 1,796
MCCABE, PAUL (F.F.)	M	1,059	+50 1,109	+16 1,125	+16 1,141	+54 1,195	+56 1,251	+102 1,353	+193 1,546
McDonagh, Séamus (W.P.)	M	330	+13 343	+6 349	-349 -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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* REILLY, SARAH (F.G.)	F	1,966	- 1,966	-191 1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775	1,775
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	+76 76	+117 193	+188 381	+225 606	+546 1,152
TOTAL		14,197	14,197	14,197	14,197	14,197	14,197	14,197	14,197

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NAMES OF CANDIDATES (15 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	G e n d e r	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count	Tenth Count	Eleventh Count																					
		Number of Votes	Transfer of Keogan, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Tolan, S's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Smith, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of Meade, P's Surplus and Result	Transfer of O'Byrne, P's Votes and Result	Transfer of Lacey, W's Votes and Result	Transfer of Corr, R's Votes and Result	Transfer of Connor, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of Kelly, T's Votes and Result	Transfer of Whelan, P's Votes and Result																					
BEHAN, TOM (F.F.)	M	861	+31	+78	+1	+1	+3	+8	+30	+12	+98	+41																					
Connor, Anthony (D.D.I.)	M	241	+29	+4	+6	-	+13	+22	+32	-347	-	-																					
Corr, Rob (S.D.)	M	165	+12	+21	+2	-	+2	+30	-232	-	-	-																					
* Ferguson, Eimear (S.F.)	F	576	+57	+34	+1	+1	+107	+40	+30	+69	+56	+67																					
* HARDING, WAYNE (F.F.)	M	1,196	+32	+5	+4	+11	+6	+8	+5	+17	+14	+190																					
HOEY, ANNIE (LAB.)	F	1,093	+79	+96	+11	+3	+12	+30	+73	+38	-	-																					
* Kelly, Tom (Non-P.)	M	275	+47	+43	+11	+1	+5	+13	+12	+53	-440	-																					
* KEOGAN, SHARON (NON-P.)	F	2,039	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432																					
Lacey, William (SPBP)	M	164	+14	+14	+4	-	+3	-199	-	-	-	-																					
* MCKEE, STEPHEN (F.F.)	M	1,023	+241	+32	+299	+1	+11	+3	+5	+39	+55	+58																					
* MEADE, PADDY (F.G.)	M	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432																					
O'Byrne, Fergal (S.F.)	M	162	+25	+3	+2	+1	-193	-	-	-	-	-																					
Smith, Patrick (Non-P.)	M	51	+14	+3	-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-																					
* TOLAN, SHARON (F.G.)	F	1,774	1,774	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432																					
Whelan, Peter (A)	M	377	+26	+6	+16	+4	+10	+10	+8	+28	+55	-529																					
Non-transferable papers not effective		-	-	-	-16	-	+21	+35	+39	+111	+162	+213																					
TOTAL		11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452	11,452																					

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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019		TOTAL ELECTORATE 23,167							CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED			
CONSTITUENCY OF		INVALID BALLOT PAPERS 195							TOMMY REILLY (F.F.)			
NAVAN LEA, MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL		VALID POLL 10,397							EMER TOIBIN (A)			
		NUMBER OF SEATS 7							FRANCIS DEANE (NON-P.)			
		QUOTA 1,300							EDDIE FENNESSY (S.F.)			
									PADRAIG FITZSIMONS (F.F.)			
									YEMI ADENUGA (F.G.)			
									ALAN LAWES (NON-P.)			
NAMES OF CANDIDATES (16 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count	Eighth Count	Ninth Count	Tenth Count	Eleventh Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of Reilly, T's Surplus and Result	Transfer of McGrath, A's Votes and Result	Transfer of Thornton, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of Ball, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of McHugh, J's Votes and Result	Transfer of Byrne, K's Votes and Result	Transfer of Forde, W's Votes and Result	Transfer of Burke, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of Farnessy, E's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Kelly, P's Votes and Result
ADENUGA, YEMI (F.G.)	F		+1	+6	+16	+19	+23	+74	+25	+61	+14	+344
Ball, Stephen (Non-P.)	M	640	641	649	665	684	707	761	806	867	881	1,225
* Burke, Sínead (S.F.)	F		+1	+8	+4	+15	+12	+7	+42	-651	-	-
Byrne, Karen (F.G.)	F	562	563	571	575	590	602	609	651	-	-	-
Byrne, Karen (F.G.)	F	268	268	270	276	285	291	-	-	-	-	-
* DEANE, FRANCIS (NON-P.)	M		+6	+12	+14	+63	+23	+30	-	-	-	-
* FENNESSY, EDDIE (S.F.)	M	1,155	1,181	1,173	1,187	1,250	1,273	1,303	1,303	1,303	1,303	1,303
* FITZSIMONS, PADRAIG (F.F.)	M	989	990	999	1,002	1,019	1,029	1,044	1,095	1,433	1,300	1,300
* FITZSIMONS, PADRAIG (F.F.)	M	979	987	989	1,032	1,058	1,122	1,139	1,185	1,220	1,238	1,316
* Forde, Wayne (Non-P.)	M		+1	+5	+6	+23	+8	+9	-	-	-	-
Kelly, Ross (F.G.)	M	318	319	324	330	353	361	370	-370	-	-	-
Kelly, Ross (F.G.)	M	551	552	560	573	594	628	714	756	794	805	-
LAWES, ALAN (NON-P.)	M		+1	+12	+1	+7	+42	+4	+56	+53	+54	+73
McGrath, Amy (S.D.)	F	911	912	924	925	932	974	978	1,034	1,087	1,141	1,214
McGrath, Amy (S.D.)	F	158	158	-158	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McHugh, Jenny (F.F.)	F	227	+2	+1	+6	+2	-269	-	-	-	-	-
McHugh, Jenny (F.F.)	F	227	229	230	266	269	-	-	-	-	-	-
McMenamin, Séamus (G.P.)	M		+1	+55	+16	+10	+11	+16	+38	+42	+36	+103
McMenamin, Séamus (G.P.)	M	614	615	670	686	696	707	723	761	803	839	942
* REILLY, TOMMY (F.F.)	M		-30	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
* REILLY, TOMMY (F.F.)	M	1,330	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Thornton, Madeleine (F.F.)	F		+3	+2	-182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thornton, Madeleine (F.F.)	F	177	180	182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOIBIN, EMER (A)	F		+3	+17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOIBIN, EMER (A)	F	1,266	1,289	1,306	1,306	1,306	1,306	1,306	1,306	1,306	1,306	1,306
Non-transferable papers not effective				+11	+18	+32	+36	+33	+70	+84	-	+207
TOTAL		10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397	10,397

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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019 CONSTITUENCY OF RATOATH LEA, MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL	TOTAL ELECTORATE	25,803	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED					
	INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	221	DAMIEN O'REILLY (F.F.)					
	VALID POLL	12,544	GILLIAN TOOLE (NON-P.)					
	NUMBER OF SEATS	7	BRIAN FITZGERALD (NON-P.)					
QUOTA	1,569	NICK KILLIAN (NON-P.)						
		MARIA MURPHY (F.G.)						
		GERRY O'CONNOR (F.G.)						
		DEIRDRE GERAGHTY-SMITH (F.F.)						

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count	Seventh Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of O'Reilly, D's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Toole, G's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Fitzgerald, B's Surplus and Result	Transfer of Ruairc, M's Votes and Result	Transfer of Flanagan, B's Votes and Result	Transfer of O'Riordan, F's Votes and Result
* FITZGERALD, BRIAN (NON-P.)	M	-	-	-241	-	-	-	-
Flanagan, Bee (F.G.)	F	1,810	1,810	1,810	1,569	1,569	1,569	1,569
GERAGHTY-SMITH, DEIRDRE (F.F.)	F	442	+14 456	+61 517	+31 548	+19 567	-567 -	-
Seán, Henry (Non-P.)	M	579	+165 744	+87 831	+42 873	+67 940	+131 1,071	+233 1,304
* KILLIAN, NICK (NON-P.)	M	688	+117 805	+27 832	+46 878	+69 947	+23 970	+148 1,118
* MURPHY, MARIA (F.G.)	F	1,549	+49 1,598	- 1,598	- 1,598	- 1,598	- 1,598	- 1,598
* O'CONNOR, GERRY (F.G.)	M	1,164	+202 1,366	+20 1,386	+44 1,430	+39 1,469	+166 1,635	- 1,635
* O'REILLY, DAMIEN (F.F.)	M	1,224	+35 1,259	+80 1,339	+45 1,384	+24 1,408	+62 1,470	+72 1,542
O'Riordan, Fergus (Non-P.)	M	2,198	-629 1,569	1,569	1,569	1,569	1,569	1,569
* TOOLE, GILLIAN (NON-P.)	F	481	+15 496	+98 594	+15 609	+101 710	+80 790	-790 -
Non - transferable papers not effective		437	+32 469	+30 499	+18 517	-517 -	- -	- -
		1,972	1,972	1,569	1,569	1,569	1,569	1,569
		-	-	-	-	+198 198	+105 303	+337 640

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TOTAL	12,544	12,544	12,544	12,544	12,544	12,544	12,544
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LOCAL ELECTION 2019 - RATOATH LEA, MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL

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LOCAL ELECTION - 24 May 2019	TOTAL ELECTORATE	25,574	CANDIDATE(S) ELECTED NOEL FRENCH (F.G.) JOE FOX (F.G.) AISLING DEMPSEY (F.F.) NIAMH SOUHAN (F.G.) RONAN MOORE (S.D.) TREVOR GOLDEN (NON-P.)			
	INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	222				
	VALID POLL	10,850				
	NUMBER OF SEATS	6				
CONSTITUENCY OF	QUOTA	1,551				
TRIM LEA, MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL						

NAMES OF CANDIDATES (11 No.) (* Denotes outgoing member)	Gender	First Count	Second Count	Third Count	Fourth Count	Fifth Count	Sixth Count
		Number of Votes	Transfer of French, N's Surplus and Result	Transfer of McElhinney, T's Votes and Result	Transfer of Geraghty, S's Votes and Result	Transfer of Doran, D's Votes and Result	Transfer of Lynch, C's Votes and Result
DEMPSEY, AISLING (F.F.)	F	1,112	+273 1,385	+62 1,447	+120 1,567	- 1,567	- 1,567
Doran, Des (A)	M	603	+100 703	+16 719	+6 725	-725 -	- -
* FOX, JOE (F.G.)	M	1,570	- 1,570	- 1,570	- 1,570	- 1,570	- 1,570
* FRENCH, NOEL (F.G.)	M	2,954	-1,403 1,551	- 1,551	- 1,551	- 1,551	- 1,551
Geraghty, Sinéad (F.F.)	F	431	+39 470	+24 494	-494 -	- -	- -
* GOLDEN, TREVOR (NON-P.)	M	603	+242 845	+41 886	+37 923	+215 1,138	+194 1,332
Kelly, Vera (F.F.)	F	870	+61 931	+17 948	+137 1,085	+63 1,148	+45 1,193
* Lynch, Caroline (S.F.)	F	632	+144 776	+23 799	+18 817	+106 923	-923 -
McElhinney, Tracy (LAB.)	F	237	+115 352	-352 -	- -	- -	- -
MOORE, RONAN (S.D.)	M	809	+187 996	+54 1,050	+14 1,064	+79 1,143	+259 1,402
SOUHAN, NIAMH (F.G.)	F	1,029	+242 1,271	+50 1,321	+76 1,397	+39 1,436	+72 1,508
Non - transferable papers not effective		-	-	+65 65	+86 151	+223 374	+353 727

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TOTAL	10,850	10,850	10,850	10,850	10,850	10,850
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Date

Appendix 11 – Local Election Expenses 2019

	Election Expenses
Ashbourne Municipal District	
Councillor Joe Bonner	€2,711.85
Councillor Suzanne Jamal	€3,294.15
Councillor Darren O'Rourke	€2,006.45
Councillor Alan Tobin	€3,356.40
Councillor Conor Tormey	€2,785.68
Kells Municipal District	
Councillor Mike Bray	€3,805.68
Councillor Eugene Cassidy	€3,629.00
Councillor Sean Drew	€2,141.00
Councillor David Gilroy	€3,898.00
Councillor Johnny Guirke	€2,323.60
Councillor Paul McCabe	€2,526.75
Councillor Sarah Reilly	€3,454.26
Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District	
Councillor Tom Behan	€2,525.93
Councillor Wayne Harding	€1,996.27
Councillor Annie Hoey	€3,581.87
Councillor Sharon Keogan	€4,800.00
Councillor Stephen McKee	€2,155.30
Councillor Paddy Meade	€1,457.38
Councillor Sharon Tolan	€3,365.50

	Election Expenses
Navan Municipal District	
Councillor Yemi Adenugi	€4,361.00
Councillor Francis Deane	€1,250.00
Councillor Edward Fennessy	€1,784.60
Councillor Pdraig Fitzsimons	€1,011.25
Councillor Alan Lawes	€2,112.98
Councillor Tommy Reilly	€1,780.00
Councillor Emer Tóibín	€1,950.00
Ratoath Municipal District	
Councillor Brian Fitzgerald	€4,290.00
Councillor Deirdre Geraghty-Smith	€3,044.96
Councillor Nick Killian	€7,487.00
Councillor Maria Murphy	€2,142.53
Councillor Gerry O'Connor	€3,052.94
Councillor Damien O'Reilly	€4,667.13
Councillor Gillian Toole	€6,200.43
Trim Municipal District	
Councillor Aisling Dempsey	€4,869.31
Councillor Joe Fox	€2,789.73
Councillor Noel French	€5,106.79
Councillor Trevor Golden	€2,681.20
Councillor Ronan Moore	€2,475.87
Councillor Niamh Souhan	€4,603.60

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