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# **Chief Executive's Report for Elected Members**

**Monthly Management Report**  
**April 2023**

This Monthly Management Report is prepared in accordance with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, and provided to the Elected Members for consideration and information.

## Introduction by the Chief Executive

To Members,

This Monthly Management Report gives an overview of the on-going governance of Meath County Council and is being provided for your information and consideration.

The report covers the following:

**Directorate for Corporate Affairs and Governance, Climate Action and Emergency Services**

Corporate Affairs and Governance

Climate Action and Environment

**Directorate for Housing, Community and Cultural Development**

Housing Services

Community Development

Library Services

**Directorate for Infrastructure, Project Management, People Management and Development**

Transportation

**Directorate for Planning, Economic and Tourism Development**

Planning and Development

Economic Development

**Directorate for Finance, Information Systems and Water Services**

Finance Services

Thank You,

**Jackie Maguire**

**Chief Executive**

## Corporate Affairs and Governance



Save  
*the* Date

Council of Europe Delegation  
05 April 2023

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Dermot Gallagher Memorial Lecture  
(celebration of 25th Anniversary)  
13 April 2023

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Presentation to former Cathaoirleach  
27 April 2023

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Tripartite Meeting - NTA, Bus Eireann, Irish Rail  
8 May 2023

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MD Awards Presentation Night  
11 May 2023

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May Council Meeting  
8 May 2023

Dates are subject to change

### Council Meeting, Buvinda House



The monthly meeting of the Council took place, for the first time, in Buvinda House on January 30, 2023. The meeting room in Buvinda has been fully equipped with the most up to date technology to accommodate hybrid meetings to ensure full participation in council meetings by all elected members whether they attend in person or remotely. Facilities are also provided for members of the public and the media to attend Council Meetings.

## Affordable Housing Online Portal Opened



Meath County Council has made new homes available for purchase by eligible applicants at reduced prices at The Willows, Dunshaughlin.

A total of 20 affordable homes, consisting of 6 two-bedroom mid-terrace dwellings and 14 three-bedroom mid-terrace dwellings are available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements.

An online application portal went live on Monday, March 20. Applications can be made at the following link: [meath.fairselect.com/applicant/login](https://meath.fairselect.com/applicant/login).

Applicants will need a valid phone number and email address. Please note that the online application process works better when using a laptop or a PC. The closing date for receipt of applications is 12.00 noon, April 11, 2023.

Any problems or queries can be forwarded to [affordablehousing@meathcoco.ie](mailto:affordablehousing@meathcoco.ie).

## Retained Fire Fighters Recruitment Campaign



In March, a recruitment campaign was launched for Retained Fire Fighters in Nobber, Ashbourne and Trim.

Two videos featuring David Gavin, a retained firefighter working at Navan Fire Station were published across the Council social media channels. David talked the audience through his experience of the recruitment campaign and the training he undertook to successfully

become a firefighter.

Open evenings were held in each station, which offered the opportunity for anyone interested in applying to meet the crew and ask any questions they might have about the application process. 'We're Hiring' banners were erected outside the fire stations and leaflets were also printed outlining the role and training required.

## Lampa ar Lasadh



Le tacaíocht ó Éire Ildánach, chur Foireann Sheirbhísí Cultúir Chomhairle Chontae na Mí Gradam Fhilíocht na Gaeilge i gcrích sa bhliain 2022 in ómós don fhile cáiliúil Máire Mhac an tSaoi a bhí ina cónaí i gContae na Mí ar feadh tamaill. Ón iontráil náisiúnta mór a bhí faighte, tugadh ceardlann ar feadh lá amháin do chúig filí leis an máistir fhile Louis de Paor. Chuir gach file trí dhán isteach ar Lampa ar Lasadh, foilsíodh sa bhliain 2022 agus ar fáil anois ar fud na leabharlanna go léir.

Ag seoladh an fhoilseacháin, ó chlé go deas: An Cathaoirleach, Comhairleoir Nick Killian, Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí Barry Lynch, Leabharlannaí Sinsearach Feidhmiúcháin Frances Tallon, Ofigeach Gaeilge Nóirín Murphy agus Leabharlannaí Contae Ciarán Mangan.

## New York City Twins with Ireland to Develop Age Friendly Communities



On their recent trip to New York, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Nick Killian and Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive met with Michael Hodin, CEO of the Global Coalition on Aging and signed a Twinning Agreement between Ireland and New York at the New York City Department for Ageing.

The proposed political Twinning Agreement will be anchored in the principles of the International Dublin Declaration and will foster strong relations between Ireland and NYC age friendly agendas. It will focus on particular areas of development such as Ireland's Age Friendly Airports (Knock & Shannon), Age Friendly Tourist Destination (Avondale, Co. Wicklow) and Age Friendly Stadium (Croke Park) and an opportunity to replicate these in a number of iconic spaces in New York City with a view to promoting age friendly economic and tourist opportunities on a transatlantic basis.

## Blackwater Park Facilities Officially Opened



Earlier this month, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Nick Killian, Mayor of Navan Cllr. Eddie Fennessy and Chief Executive Jackie Maguire officially opened new facilities at Blackwater Park, Navan.

The new building provides changing rooms with shower facilities and public toilets that cater for all abilities.

The Council has completed various projects over recent years to reflect the increased usage of the park; these include

the development of the playground, the installation of lighting along the 1.4km looped walkway to allow longer hours of usage during the Autumn and Winter months and the launch of Sceil Trail, a fun and educational activity that can be enjoyed by all the family.

### Green Kilometre Scheme Relaunched



Meath County Council is once again inviting groups, clubs, businesses and individuals to participate in the Green Kilometre Scheme.

The scheme invites volunteers to choose approximately a kilometre (or longer) stretch of road/loop in their area - preferably a quiet, local road in terms of safety. The group or individual would then commit to maintaining the chosen

stretch over the year.

Supplies will be provided, with any rubbish collected taken away by the Council on designated days.

If anyone would like to participate, please email [environment@meathcoco.ie](mailto:environment@meathcoco.ie).

### Work begins on Meath Climate Action Plan 2024-2029



Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Nick Killian welcomed representatives from Ernst & Young Business Advisory Services at a kick-off meeting in Buvinda House this week, as Meath County Council starts work on the Climate Action Plan 2024-29 for Meath.

Meath County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-29 will drive the adaptation and mitigation measures required at local level, and define a clear path to:

- Actively translate national climate policy to local circumstances with the prioritisation and acceleration of evidence-based measures
- Assist in the delivery of the climate neutrality objective at local and community levels
- Identify and deliver a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) to act as a test bed for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures through the identification of projects and outcomes to assist in the delivery of the National Climate Objective

## Civil Defence K9 Unit welcome new dogs and introduces first fully trained female handler



The Civil Defence K9 Unit announced in March that they have recently added two new search dogs to their Victim Recovery Unit. Civil Defence K9 Unit also announced the recent qualification of their first female dog handler, Meath Volunteer Handler Karen Kelly.

In January 2023, Karen and her Victim Recovery Dog, Rossi qualified after a year-long training programme which included 150 hours of guided training from a National Association of Specialist Dog Users (NASDU) recognised body. It culminated in her being awarded a Level 3 Certificate

from a National Association of Specialist Dog Users (NASDU), U.K., which is a Highfield Awarding Body Centre (HABC).

Well done Karen and Rossi!

## International Women's Day 2023



This year, to celebrate International Women's Day, Meath Women's Caucus joined Meath Women's Refuge & Support services, to call everyone to fully Embrace Equity and embrace zero tolerance for domestic violence.

In Meath, the Meath Women's Refuge & Support services was established 35 years ago to support women affected by domestic violence across Meath. Today they work with over 500 women and 100 children each year and answer 2,000 calls to their helpline.

For more information, or to find out how to support the work of Meath Women's Refuge & Support Services, visit [www.dvservicesmeath.ie](http://www.dvservicesmeath.ie).

## SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Eagraíodh Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 Márta 2023 le béim ar imeachtaí beo a tharla sna scoileanna, leabharlanna, amharclann an Grianstad, agus clubanna lúthchleas Gael. Is í seo an chéad bhliain tar éis na paindéime covid-19 a bhfuilimid ábalta imeachtaí beo go pearsanta a chur ar fáil don phobal áitiúil arís.

Thíos, tá liosta agus cur síos ar roinnt de na himeachtaí do Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2023 a tharla i gContae na Mí. Bhí na himeachtaí seo leanas maoinithe faoi chiste um Oifigeach Gaeilge – Comhairle Chontae na Mí agus Éire Ildánach (Manchán Magan)

- Ciorcal Comhrá Mór – Ionad Oideachais na hUaimhe – le rinceoir traidisiúnta Damien Doherty & amhránaí Étáin Ní Churraoin ó Ráth Chairn
- Ceacht bodhrán agus ag labhairt Gaeilge ag an am céanna i leabharlann na hUaimhe
- Seisiún amhránaíochta i leabharlann Chill Dhéagláin le amhránaí Maria Nic Cumhaill as Gaoth Dobhair
- An scannán An Cailín Ciúin ar thaispeáint i leabharlann Chill Dhéagláin
- Caint dátheangach le Manchán Magan – scríbhneoir cónaithe Éire Ildánach in Amharclann an Grianstad dírithe ar rang 5 & 6 óna meánscoileanna san Uaimh
- Seisiún Rince Gaelach le baill den phobal na hUcráine a rinne cúrsa sa leabharlann le déanaí

Eagraíodh dá phreab-Ghaeltacht a bhí dírithe don phobal áitiúil agus do theaghlaigh atá ag tógáil a pháistí trí Ghaeilge. Tharla ceann amháin in Amharclann an Grianstad leis an seisiún ag déanamh balúin trí Ghaeilge ,agus an ceann eile - seisiún scileanna sorcrais ,bhí se eagraithe i gcomhoibriú leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Domhnach Seachnaill – Royal Gaels. D’fháiltigh an phobal áitiúil na himeachtaí seo.

Sna leabharlanna, chomh maith le héascú imeachtaí Sheachtain na Gaeilge, bhí tráth na gceist curtha ar fáil do chúpla bhunscoil sa chontae agus bhí comórtas dathútháin do pháistí ar fáil fosta.

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Seachtain na Gaeilge was organised from 1-17 March 2023 with an emphasis on live events that took place in schools, libraries, the Solstice Theatre, and GAA clubs. This is the first year after the covid-19 pandemic that we are able to provide live in person events to the local community again.

Below, there is a list of some of the events for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023 that took place in County Meath. The following events were funded under the Irish language Officer – Meath County Council fund & Creative Ireland (Manchán Magan)

- Big Irish Conversation Circle – Navan Education Centre – with traditional Irish dancer Damien Doherty & singer Étáin Ní Churraoin from Ráth Chairn
- A bodhrán lesson & speaking Irish at the same time in Navan Library
- A singing session in Ashbourne Library with singer Maria McCool from Gweedore
- The film An Cailín Ciúin shown in Ashbourne library
- A bilingual talk with Manchán Magan – Creative Ireland Writer in Residence in Solstice Theatre directed at 5th & 6th class from the secondary schools in Navan
- Traditional Irish dancing session with members of the Ukraine community who did a course in the library recently





Two pop up Gaeltachts were organised that were directed at the local community and for families that are raising their children through Irish:-

One took place in the Solstice Theatre with the making balloons through Irish session, and the other one - a circus skills session, it was organised in cooperation with the Irish Language Officer of Royal Gaels Domhnach Seachnail GAA. These events were well received by the local community.

In the libraries, as well as facilitating events for Seachtain na Gaeilge, there was a table quiz in Irish provided for a few primary schools in the county and there was a colouring competition for children also.

**Irish Language Singing session & Irish dancing with Maria McCool & Damien Doherty  
Ashbourne Library – 7/3/23. From L to R: *Maria McCool, Damien Doherty & Nóirín  
Murphy, Irish Language Officer, MCC***



**Enjoying the Bodhrán session through Irish with Shay in Navan Library – Seachtain na Gaeilge – 4/3/23**



**Traditional Irish dance session with Damien Doherty – Navan Library – 11/3/23  
Organised in cooperation with Irish Language Office & Ukrainian support  
Programme Office.**

## Climate Action and Environment



### Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections (RMCEI)

Local Authorities are required to produce and submit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an Environmental Inspection Plan known as the RMCEI plan by the 28<sup>th</sup> February each year.

The EPA has a supervisory role in relation to the performance by local authorities of their statutory environmental protection duties and since 2014 the Agency has been measuring and reporting on performance using a dedicated Local Authority Performance Framework (LAPF).

Local Authority performance is now evaluated against National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) which are determined by a National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee and a separate National Committee covering Water, Air and Noise and such priorities are notified to local authorities before the start of the year.

The Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WEARLAs) who have responsibility for coordinating waste enforcement actions within the local authority regions also prepare their work programmes in line with the NEPs.

The NEPs which are focused on achieving environmental outcomes fall under four themes; governance processes, waste, water, and air/noise and with each theme containing five priorities and as part of the assessment process the local authorities must in the plan submit progress reports for all the relevant NEPs.

Each NEP is assessed by the agency against a set of specified criteria including compliance rates, appropriate site selection, identification and follow through of non-compliance /unauthorised activities and the demonstration of a positive environmental outcome. Each NEP is scored according to a four point scale: Excellent, Strong, Moderate or Limited.

The following Table sets out the NEPs for the three year period 2022 -2024.

Water	Waste	Air and Noise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressures from Agriculture (Farm Yards ) -slurry/soiled water collection and storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackling Illegal Waste and Multi -Agency Sites / Operators of Concern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solid Fuel</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressures from Agriculture (Farmland) -slurry and fertiliser spreading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction and Demolition Waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems / Septic Tanks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of Life Vehicles and Metals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Noise Directive (ENDs)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discharge Licences/ Misconnections</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household and Commercial Waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air and Noise Control (including Planning)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Priorities and Water Quality Monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Producer Responsibility Initiatives and Local Priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing Air and Noise Enforcement Work</li> </ul>

In addition to the progress reports on the NEPs local authorities are required to submit data returns setting out details of inspections carried out in the previous year and based on the resources available details of planned inspections for the current year. The plan must provide for review mechanisms at various intervals during the year to ensure targets are on track and to revise same where necessary where unforeseen circumstances such as staff absences, or emergency situations arising which require a reallocation of staff or reassignment of duties.

The following table sets out details of routine and non-routine inspections carried out in 2022 and planned inspections for 2023 across 6 headings:

HEADING	COMPLETED INSPECTIONS FOR 2022	PLANNED INSPECTIONS FOR 2023
Waste	2624	2027
Litter	2351	2550
Water/ Wastewater	1458	2112
Air/Noise	207	257
Producer Responsibility Inspections e.g. WEEE, Packaging, Tyres.	129	115
Planning (Environmental Inspections)	536	650
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7305</b>	<b>7711</b>

Up to the end of March 2023, the Council has issued 30 litter fines, as well as a further 35 long standing cases which are the subject of referrals to the Councils legal advisers, although not all of these may result in court proceedings.

The Council has also issued 32 warning letters / directions in respect of unauthorised waste management activities and breaches of the Waste Management Acts. A total of 7 waste cases are currently the subject of court proceedings at the District, Circuit and High Courts.

### **Re-Love Fashion Competition**

The Relove Fashion competition is a Sustainable Fashion competition open to all secondary school students in the Eastern, Midlands and Dublin region. The competition was developed and is funded through a partnership between the Eastern and Midlands region local authorities, and the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy.

The Relove Fashion Competition was developed in response to the growing environmental and social impacts of the Fashion Industry and the need for change. It encourages applicants to take a deeper look at how their clothing is made and challenges them to explore creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending.

Students are asked to use their creative design skills to create a sustainable and wearable outfit. Entrants should source clothing from a charity shop, swap shop or reuse items already available at home.

There were 200 entries in this year's competition the final of which was held in the Rediscovery Centre, Ballymun in late March - 4 of the 22 finalists were from County Meath namely:

- Beth Brady, St. Joseph's Mercy, Navan
- Caoimhe Nic Uilic, Coláiste Pobal Ráth Chairn, Ráth Chairn
- Elizabeth Cooper, Coláiste Clavin, Longwood
- Sophie Killian, Cayla Coyle, Ann-Marie Flynn, Meadhbh O'Connor, Alexandra Craciun, Scoil Mhuire, Trim, Co. Meath



The overall competition winner was Beth Brady, St. Joseph's Mercy, Navan whose outfit was made from seatbelts from a local scrapyards, lining, old bridesmaid dresses, an old cot bed sheet, zip, old jeans, scrap fabric and a coconut.



The winner of the Best Tailoring category was Elizabeth Cooper, Coláiste Clavin, Longwood, whose outfit was created from her grandmother's old wedding dress, her grandfather's old ties and old sheets.

Congratulations to Beth and Elizabeth whose projects are shown above and to Caoimhe and Sophie on making the final of the well contested competition.

### **Anti Dumping Initiative**

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has announced funding of €3m for the 2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative. This scheme was introduced in 2017 aimed at encouraging a collaborative approach between local authorities, communities and other State Agencies to tackle the problem of localised illegal dumping. Over the past 6 years of the scheme Meath County Council has drawn down over €557k for some 49 different projects.

The 2023 scheme focuses on 4 key areas - prevention, abatement, education and enforcement, while strong encouragement is also given to Circular Economy type projects which recognise waste as a resource and with particular reference being made to furniture, bicycles, paints for re-use, and textiles.

The criteria applying to the scheme has been circulated and the Elected Members are invited to submit suggestions for the 2023 scheme – applications under the scheme have to be submitted to the Regional Waste Enforcement Office (WEARLA) by the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Climate Action Plan**

The statutory process on the development of MCC Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029 has commenced. Ernst Young (EY) has been appointed to assist in updating the plan which will include the following:

- Climate Change Risk Assessment for County Meath
- Climate Mitigation Assessment County Wide
- Climate Mitigation Assessment Decarbonisation
- Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment for MCC's Climate Action plan

## Housing Services



### Capital Programme

#### Summary Profile of Approved Direct Construction Projects

PROJECT NAME	NO. OF UNITS	ESTIMATED START DATE	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<b>PRELIMINARY DESIGN PHASE</b>			
Ashewood View, Ashbourne, Co. Meath	75	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
New Lane, Abbeylands, Navan	4	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>		
<b>Planning lodged with An Bord Pleanla</b>			
Kells Archdeaconary	22	Q3 2023	Q2 2024
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	47	Q3 2023	Q1 2025
<b>PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS &amp; DETAILED DESIGN</b>			
Nangle Court, Navan	15	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Church View, Rathmolyon	22	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
Haggard Street, Trim	4	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Brews Hill, Navan	12	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
Pitcher Lane, Kells	4	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Swan Lane, Navan	6	Q2 2023	Q1 2024
Ratholdren Court, Navan	27	Q4 2023	Q1 2025
Blackhill Cresnet, Donacarney	2	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
<b>Combined Planning Stage Total</b>	<b>161</b>		
<b>TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Convent Lands Kildalkey Road, Athboy	28	Q2 2023	Q2 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>		
<b>CONSTRUCTION STAGE</b>			
Gort na Glaise, Farganstown	84	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Lagore Lawn, Phase 2, Dunshaughlin	42	Q1 2022	Q3 2023
Castle Street, Ashbourne	74	Q4 2022	Q2 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>		
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>468</b>		

### Construction Scheme Updates:

- Gort na Glaise, Farganstown
  - Commencement date on site 20<sup>th</sup> February
  - Site Clearance complete and hedgerows removed
  - Establishment of Site Offices
- Lagore Lawn Phase 2, Dunshaughlin
  - Site is progressing well and no major delays to date
- Millrace, Castle St, Ashbourne
  - Site is progressing well and no major delays to date

### Meath County Council Approved CAS, Part V & Turnkey

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ashbourne	Part V	6
Donacarney	Part V	2
Drogheda	Part V	18
Dunshaughlin	Part V	13
Enfield	Part V	7
Kells	Part V	5
Kilcock	Part V	2
Kilmessan	Part V	3
Navan	Part V	13
Slane	Part V	7
Stamullen	Part V	2
Trim	Part V	21
Kells	Turnkey	12
Navan	Turnkey	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>

### Affordable Housing

Applications opened for 20 Affordable Houses in the Willows, Dunshaughlin on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2023. The Online application process will be open for 3 weeks. From March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>. Further information is available on our Website.

Negotiations continue with developers to identify other Affordable Turn Key opportunities.

### Expressions of interest

The Housing Department continue to work with Developers and Landowners to purchase land and or properties for the provision of social and Affordable Housing.



## Refurbishment Projects

- **St Francis Park:** Works continue on site, with all 10nr. units completed up to at least floor slab level. Super-structure block-laying is in progress at 4nr. units.
- **Alverno Court Refurbishment:**
  - Snagging is underway for 4nr. units from the joint Phase 2 & 3, which are due for hand over to MCC in the couple of weeks. This will leave 2nr. units to be completed as part of this Phase.
  - Once Phase 2 & 3 is complete work will progress to Phase 4 (6nr. units).

## Local Authority Adaptive Work Scheme

A Contractor to be appointed in coming weeks for 9nr. LAAWS, which were tendered in February 2023. A second batch of 17nr. LAAWS is presently out to tender.

Of the 2nr. LAAWS extensions, which commenced in 2022; one is now substantially complete.

## Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability

85 applications for Grant funding to the value of €731,095.75 were approved at the end of 2022 which were carried forward into this year's budget as works will not be completed until 2023. A further 117 applications to the value of €811,567.06 have been approved to date in 2023. Total of 202 applications which equates to €1,542,662.81 of Grant Allocation for 2023 when announced.

## Local Authority Vacant Units Currently Unavailable for Allocation

- Outlined below is a summary per Municipal District of the number of vacant properties that currently require works before they can be re-tenanted, as of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023. For the period from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, works were completed on 9 vacant units, while 5 units became vacant during this period.

	No. of Units Vacant < 3 Months	No. of Units Vacant 3-6 Months	No. of Units Vacant > 6 Months	No. of Vacant Units Currently Subject to Works	No. of Vacant Units not yet with Contractors
Ashbourne	3	1	0	2	2
Kells	3	3	1	4	3
Laytown/Bettystown	3	1	0	4	0
Navan	4	3	2	5	4
Ratoath	2	1	0	2	1
Trim	5	3	1	9	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>**4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>

\*\*Note: All four of these pre-let properties include energy upgrade to bring the property to B2 BER rating or better.

## Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB	Estimated Completion
Applewood Court, Beaufort Place, Navan	19	Tuath Housing	Q3/2023
Mine View, Athboy Road, Navan	63	Respond	Q2/2023
Swanbrook, Trim Road Navan	48	Tuath Housing	Q3/2023
The Arches, Dunshaughlin	6	Tuath Housing	Q2/2023
Maudlin Vale, Trim	31	Tuath Housing	Q4/2023
Oldcastle	5	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	Q4/2024
Tailteann, Navan	12	Meath Women's Refuge - CAS	Q3/2024
St. Loman Street, Trim	4	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	Q1/2025
<b>Total Number of Approved Units</b>	<b>188</b>		

## Leasing

Project Name	No. of Units	Entity	Estimated Completion
Aylsbury, Clonee	73	Meath County Council	Q4/2023
Metges Road, Navan	43	Tuath Housing	Q4/2023
<b>Total Number of Approved Units</b>	<b>116</b>		

## Homelessness February 2023

	SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES	HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Placements at 31st January 2023 (Previous Reported Figure)	138 (147 adults)	50 (85 adults 87 children)	188
Placements at 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	138 (147 adults)	48 (81 adults 85 children)	186
<p>Of the households with children, 41 families are placed in short term private rented accommodation (house/apartment/B&amp;B) through Settlement Team's intervention and 7 Families in PMVT Family Hubs.</p> <p>Reasons for emergency accommodation placement in order of frequency: Primary reason is family / relationship breakdown; domestic violence; notice to quit; couch surfing; addiction; mental health; rough sleeping; overcrowding; unsuitable accommodation</p>			

## Age profile of clients in emergency accommodation February 2023

Age profile	Clients	0-4	04-11	11-18	18-25	25-40	40-65	Over 65
Families	81	0	0	0	20	37	22	2
Couples	18	0	0	0	7	6	5	0
Singles	129	0	0	0	13	50	60	6
Children	85	20	37	28	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>8</b>

**Place finder 01/02/2023 to 28/02/2023**

<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>
EA	5
Prevention	3

**Tenant Liaison Team February 2023**

<b>ASB Investigation</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Cases</b>
Frequent serious disturbances	44	21
Occupancy of Dwelling	41	<b>37</b>
Garden upkeep/Maintenance	20	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Received 01/02/2023 -28/02/2023</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>76</b>

**Standards in rented Accommodation**

287 Inspections were carried out on rented properties in Meath in January 2023. Of these 287 properties 31 properties passed the minimum standards. Subsequent follow up inspections will be carried out to ensure compliance.

**Social Housing Supports**

- 128 new applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to 28th February 2023.
- Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to 28th February 2023

<b>Allocations/Housing Supports</b>	<b>Number</b>
MCC Direct Allocations	37
Transfers	6
Approved Housing Bodies	76
RAS	0
HAP	57
Long term Leasing	0
MTR (AHBS)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>

**Choice Based Lettings Advertised February 2023**

<b>No. of Bedrooms</b>	<b>Ashbourne MD</b>	<b>Laytown/Bettystown MD</b>	<b>Kells MD</b>	<b>Navan MD</b>	<b>Ratoath MD</b>	<b>Trim MD</b>
1						
2		<b>15 No.</b> Bryanstown Wood, Drogheda, allocations being finalised			<b>10 No.</b> The Willows, Dunshaughlin, allocations being finalised	<b>2 No.</b> The Glebe, Rathmolyon, <b>6 No.</b> Single Units, allocations being finalised
3	<b>5 No.</b> Silverbanks Stamullen, allocations being finalised.	<b>1 No.</b> Single Unit, allocations being finalised.	<b>1 No.</b> Single Unit, allocations being finalised		<b>6 No.</b> The Arches Dunshaughlin, <b>2 No.</b> Chrannogs, Ratoath, <b>2 No.</b> Single Units, allocations being finalised.	<b>4 No.</b> Maudlin Vale, Trim, <b>1 No.</b> Single Unit, allocations being finalised.
4			<b>1 No.</b> Single Unit, allocations being finalised			
	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>

## Community Development



### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The last LCDC meeting was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The next LCDC meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

At the Full Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, two new members were appointed as members of the Meath LCDC and LAG - Colin Ludlow from Meath Partnership, representing the Local Development Company and Seán Ó Coisdealbha, representing Údarás na Gaeltachta.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 a workshop in Buvinda House was held for relevant agencies to attend to identify actions for the implementation plan of the LECP.

### LEADER Programme 2014-2022

The last LAG meeting was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The next LAG meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Comhairle na nÓg

Two Comhairle na nÓg members addressed the Full Council Meeting in March. They spoke about their chosen topics and the work they hope to achieve this year. Their address was well received by the Councillors.

The National Showcase for Comhairle na nÓg will take place in Croke Park on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. This will give Meath Comhairle an opportunity to showcase their chosen topic for this year and the work they intend to do on same. They will also get to network with decision makers and other Comhairlí around the country

### Joint Policing Committee

The next meeting of the Joint Policing Committee is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### The Community Grant Scheme

- The Community Grant Scheme closed on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Applications are being assessed and details will be presented to the SPC in the coming weeks and at the May Full Council meeting for approval.

### Schools Pride of Place Gardening Scheme

The Schools Pride of Place Scheme closed on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and judging will take place in May.

### Regional Festivals and Participative Events Scheme

The Regional Festivals & Participative Events Scheme closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **Ireland's Best Kept Towns Competition - Athboy**

Following a successful performance in the 2022 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition, Athboy have been nominated to participate in Ireland's *Best Kept Towns Competition* for 2023, for the Best Kept Small Town Award. Judging is due to take place in May.

### **Public Participation Network**

The Secretariat continue to meet monthly. A schedule of policy documents is being drafted for presentation to a full Plenary of member groups. Budget and Workplan have been agreed, with ratification to be sought from members on May 20<sup>th</sup> Plenary in Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim.

A series of Sustainability Workshops are being rolled out in each MD, primarily targeting Tidy Towns and Pride of Place groups but open to all with an interest in local environment projects.

538 groups are now registered with Meath PPN.

### **Healthy Ireland / Healthy Meath**

The March/April edition of the Healthy Meath Newsletter was published on the MCC website. The Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Meath presented to staff of MCC on International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>) on the topic of Women's Health and Nutrition. Planning for The Meath LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee and HIF 2023 workplan is ongoing.

### **The Community Support Fund**

The Community Support Fund closed for applications on 10<sup>th</sup> February and the applications are currently being assessed. There was a huge interest in this scheme with 268 applications received. A report on proposed successful applications will be presented to the March LCDC meeting for approval.

### **Carranstown Grant Scheme**

37 applications were received under this Scheme and these applications will be assessed for presentation and consideration at the next ICLC meeting.

### **Meath Cares About Older People event**

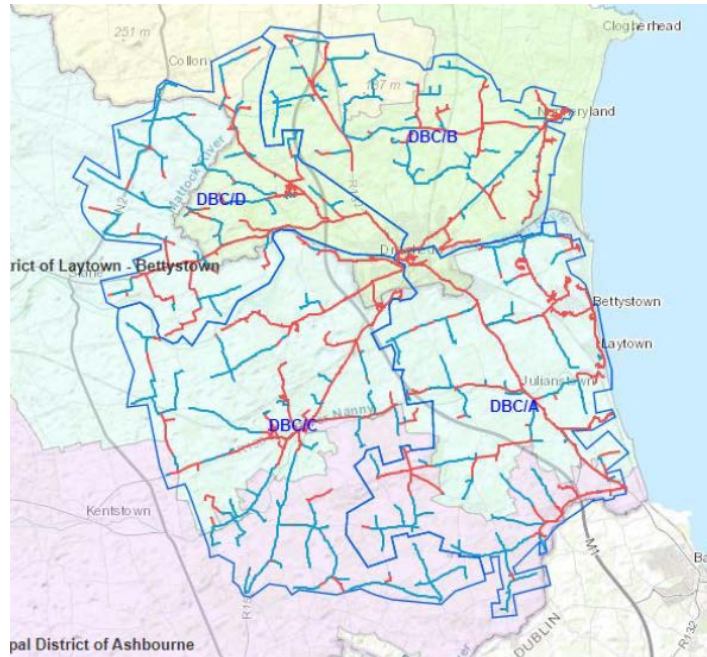
Age Friendly Meath will host an event called "*Meath Cares About Older People*" on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May in Fairyhouse, Co. Meath. This event will be a showcase and taster session experience for the older people of County Meath to come along and get information on services available to them in the county across a wide sector, including nutrition, safety in the home, physical health, mental health and technology for older people, etc. There will be informative talks given on the day. Details are still being finalised and further information will be provided once confirmed.

## National Broadband Plan

The work to deliver the NBP in the Drogheda Deployment Area is in line to be completed by the end of March. Three out of the four ribbons are now available for pre-order.

Work has commenced in the Delvin, Dunboyne, Hill of Down and Navan Deployment areas. Open air are replacing poles in Hill of Down and Navan DA's. Underground works have commenced in all areas by open air. NBI have commenced work in the Delvin DA.

Licences are being sought by NBI for works in the Kilnaleck DA covering an area North and East of Oldcastle



## Broadband Connection Points (BCPs)

The Department of Rural and Community Development have commenced a consultation to develop a Broadband Connection Point Strategy. A workshop was delivered in Navan on 28<sup>th</sup> March, to engage with the BCP sites and the communities in the North East.

## Libraries Services



### Archives

#### Moynalty Estate Collection

This project will involve the conservation and digitization of the maps in the Moynalty Estate Collection. One of the older maps in the collection will feature in an article by the county archivist in the summer issue of History Ireland. The collection will also be promoted during Heritage Week.

#### Library Footfall and Bookings

##### Re-find and reconnect with library audience

Libraries recognise that users have developed new interests over the pandemic years. Older members still need encouragement to return to their previous hobbies and activities, as evidenced by the national media campaign seeking to drive a full return to normal activity for the older generation. An important case in point is younger users, who have grown up over the pandemic years and need to 're-find' the library. New initiatives, groups and events are being used to encourage these former users back in. They are also helping to find new users.

The following is a breakdown of events and activities facilitated by staff in Navan library meeting rooms over the last four months.

#### Regular Events

- Italian for Improvers
- English Conversation Classes
- Adult Book Club
- Adult Creative Writing
- Meath Writer's Circle
- Prosper Meath visits (approx. 3 per day)
- Spanish Conversation
- Needles and Pins craft group

#### Events booked for consecutive weeks/months

- Healthy Meath/Healthy Ireland strategy
- Poetry Therapy HSE initiative for Adults with Mental Health difficulties



- Louth/Meath Down Syndrome group project
- Ukrainian Support Group
- The McGuire Project (support group for people who stammer)

### **Occasional Events**

- Pieta House Information Evening
- Clear Choice Careers Project
- HSE Changing Lives initiative
- Arts and Crafts & Story Time sessions (Library)
- Local Enterprise Office (Business Planning)
- Last Hope Charity
- HSE Stop Smoking Clinic
- Science Week event e.g., Escape Room
- Prosper Meath talks e.g. on Epilepsy
- Meath Archeology and Historical Society Meetings
- Navan Retirement Group Film viewing
- Bective Retirement Group Film viewing
- St Finian's Terrace Residents Association Meeting
- Presentations for Secondary Schools
- Meath Partnership Library Presentation
- Scratch Coding Workshop
- Ukrainian Support Group (Art Therapy)

### **Translation Service**

**ScanEz** is a new Scanning and Multilingual Translation Service which will be made available in Ashbourne and Navan libraries in May. ScanEz allows users either scan or upload a document in one language and have it translated to another one. It translates to / from both Ukrainian and Russian.

The product was developed in America and is currently in operation in thousands of public libraries in the USA.

It is possible to translate a scan to one of up to 100 supported languages. The converted scan is sent as a PDF or Word File and a subset of languages for MP3 audio file conversion.

The service is an enhancement of the very popular **SurfBox** printing and scanning service which is available in all the main library branches in the county.

## Transportation Services



### 1. National Roads 2023 - Funding from TII - Grant Allocation €9,139,967 (including Greenways €1,364,000)

N51 Dunmoe Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction Works re Utilities, Surfacing, Accommodation Works and Landscaping are ongoing. Works to online sections of road have recommenced.</li> <li>A temporary traffic management system continues in place to facilitate ongoing construction works along the route.</li> <li>Contract is expected to be substantially complete in Q2 2023</li> </ul>
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Draft of EIAR and CPO documents are being finalised.</li> </ul>
N52 Grange to Clontail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Bord Pleanála have extended the timeframe for decision on this CPO to Quarter 2 2023.</li> <li>MCC have issued responses to the submissions received and are meeting with the Landowner/Landowners agents in the coming weeks.</li> </ul>
N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change since March Report.</li> </ul>
National Road Resurfacing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change since March Report</li> <li>N52/ R154 Johnsbrook Cross Safety Improvement works commenced on site 7<sup>th</sup> February. Contract is expected to be substantially complete 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.</li> </ul>

### 2. Non- National Roads 2023 - Funding from DoT – Grant Allocation €26,053,080

#### 2. (a) Restoration Improvement & Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)

Road Works Programme	SMDW 2023 passed by the 6 MDs at the February meetings – tender documents being finalised
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	<p>CIS schemes 2023 – Funding allocation confirmed from DoT - €459,450. Successful applicants will be notified in the coming weeks</p> <p>LIS schemes 2023 – Funding Allocation confirmed from DRCD - €407,406. Successful applicants will be notified in the coming weeks</p> <p>LIS schemes 2023 – Funding Allocation confirmed from DRCD - €407,406. Successful applicants will be notified in the coming weeks</p>
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## 2. (b) Strategic Regional & Local Roads & Specific Improvement Grant

R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road	Land acquisition progressing re scheme Compulsory Purchase Order.
R132 Julianstown	Strategic Assessment Report submitted to the Department of Transport requesting approval to proceed to the next Phase of the scheme which will involve preparation of an Options Appraisal Report (which includes possible bypass options) and initial Preliminary Business Case. – awaiting approval to proceed.
L-6210 Newtownmoyaghy – 2023 DOT allocation €250,000	Ground Investigations works 90% complete. Hydrological study progressing. Options Selection report to be finalised once GI and Hydro study completed.

## 2.(c) Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads –Allocation for 2023 schemes - €390,500

2022 Schemes	Road	
Platin	R152	Junction works being progressed and alternatives being considered
Kilmore Junction	R156/L62161	Phase 1 complete, phase 2 being considered.

## 2.(d) Bridge Rehabilitation Works Regional & Local Roads - Allocation for 2023 schemes - €670,000

2022 DoT Schemes	
Donaghpatrick Bridge (L7413)	Works complete
Oldbridge Bridge (R161)	Works 90% complete, to be finalised during Summer 2023
Kiltale Culvert (L62033)	Works complete
2023 DoT Schemes	
Kilcarn Bridge (R147)	Remedial Works scheduled to commence 30/03/2023
Mellifont Bridge (L5606)	At tender assessment stage
Clonguiffin Bridge (L4020)	At tender assessment stage

Springhall Culvert (R195)	Consultants appointed
Coolfore Culvert (L5008)	Consultants appointed, Topographical survey complete

**2. (e) Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works – Allocation for 2023 schemes - €532,500**

– **7 schemes funded** : L-80045 Church Street Athboy, R-125 Greenoge Retaining Wall, L-7411 Oristown, R-160 Flood Alleviation, L-3405 Drumconrath Flood Works, L-6814 Fennor, R-941 Mullingar Rd, Kells -

**3. Active Travel Grants 2023 from NTA – €14,135,000**

<p><b>Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) –</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paving work to plaza area to front of Supermacs completed.</li> <li>• Paving works to centre of plaza area commenced and around new location of art sculpture.</li> <li>• Works commenced on erection of black granite cladding to walls approx. 70% complete.</li> <li>• Advance works for ESB on Metges laneway and Paddy O’Brien Street, consisting of investigation works and excavations for ‘joint pits’ completed.</li> <li>• New kerbing and pavement works at the Market Square/Trimgate St/Kennedy Road junction at AIB Bank completed.</li> <li>• New kerbing and pavement works continuing on Market Square from AIB to Metges laneway (Daybreak shop).</li> <li>• Consultation with business owners on Kennedy Road continuing</li> <li>• Initial meeting held with Bus Eireann representatives to discuss relocation of bus services to Kennedy Road to occur later this year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Navan GDA Cycle Network: Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme – Phase 1 Works from Solstice to Beechmount.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tender award process for construction of Phase 1 Works; Solstice to Beechmount Est. ongoing</li> <li>• Advanced hedgerow/tree removal contract for Phase 1 complete.</li> <li>• Engagement with affected landowners/solicitors is ongoing.</li> <li>• Consultants appointed for Option Selection/Preliminary Design/Statutory Process design services for section of Trim Road from Beechmount Estate to Balreask Manor.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Navan GDA Cycle Network: Fairgreen to Johnstown</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultants appointed for Option Selection/Preliminary Design/Statutory Process design services for section from Convent Road to Metges Road, Johnstown.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1: R147 Martha’s Bridge to Circular Road</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultants working on Phase 5 Detailed Design process.</li> <li>• Scooping of existing underground services completed with statutory providers.</li> <li>• Communications have commenced with affected landowners with respect to land acquisition.</li> <li>• Tender process for Site Investigation, Ground Investigation, CCTV Sewer Survey and Pavement Inv Survey has commenced.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Navan GDA Cycle Network - NA1: R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 6-week consideration period for the CE Report on the Part 8 planning process to run until the end of March 2023 before confirmation of consent can be finalised.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Navan GDA Cycle Network: Flowerhill Cycle &amp; Pedestrian Scheme</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultants continuing design work associated with Phase 2 - Concept Development &amp; Option Selection. Option Selection workshops have taken place.</li> <li>• Results of Traffic/Pedestrian movement and parking surveys received and being processed by the designers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Navan Public Realm – Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing consultation and engagement with Trimgate St Traders, St Marys Parish and the Meath Chamber.</li> <li>• Continuation of Phase 3, Preliminary Design process - development of options ongoing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Navan Public Realm: Academy Street Upgrade</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2 Concept Development Stage is complete.</li> <li>• Consultants are finalising the additional requirement for the Rapid Build Infrastructure assessment report before submission of final deliverables to the NTA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Convent Road to Metges Road &amp; Trim Road; Beechmount to Balreask Manor Active Travel Schemes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultants appointed for Option Selection/Preliminary Design/Statutory Process design services for section of Trim Road from Beechmount Estate to Balreask Manor and for section from Convent Road to Kentstown Road to Metges Road, Johnstown.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ratoath Pedestrian &amp; Cycling Scheme</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tender documentation currently being drafted for the procurement of a contractor for construction phase. 3<sup>rd</sup> party surveys have been awarded.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Harlockstown Pedestrian and Bus Stop Improvement Scheme</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2 - from the filling station to the Nine Milestone Roundabout – works substantially completed – footpath completed and open throughout, snagging and ancillary works remaining.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Kilcloon Traffic Calming Scheme</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works consisting of the installation of 2 no. raised pedestrian crossings, associated ramps, public lighting upgrade and footpath upgrade at Kilcloon National School and Church now substantially complete. Ramps and raised tables will be installed once the public lighting has been commissioned. Awaiting ESB connection for public lighting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Millbrook to Beech Drive, Johnstown Pedestrian Link</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian link substantially complete. Awaiting commissioning of new public lighting and erection of additional security fencing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jim Brunnock Road Kells, Safe Routes to School</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works complete, snagging works remaining.</li> </ul>
<p><b>N51 Park &amp; Ride</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical connections to site completed</li> <li>• Works within the carpark and the offline bus bays substantially complete</li> <li>• Snagging list issued to Contractor</li> <li>• Landscaping to be undertaken as soon as weather/temperatures improve</li> <li>• Carpark and bus bays taken in charge on Thursday 16/03/23</li> <li>• Works to N51/L3416 junction continuing, with temporary traffic management plan implemented.</li> <li>• Initial junction works pertaining to retaining walls and drainage infrastructure</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bus Shelter Enabling Works</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design of two additional locations in Ratoath received complete. Currently being priced by Contractor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accessible Bus Stops Works</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design of four bus stop locations in Trim, including two with bus shelters, complete. Currently being priced by Contractor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dunboyne to Clonee Pedestrian and Cycle Network</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route options currently being drawn up and assessed. 3<sup>rd</sup> party surveys being procured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Donacarney Footpath/Cycleway</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tender pack being collated</li> <li>• Hedge cutting and tree removal works at northern end of scheme completed</li> <li>• Landowner agreements continuing to be finalised</li> <li>• Utility service diversions being finalised</li> </ul>

<b>Safe Routes to School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options selection for each school site underway. Conceptual design received from the Consultants - Consultation held with the schools and proceeding with the preliminary design</li> </ul>
<b>Bettystown Eastham Road Cycle Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progressing Preliminary Design in preparation for public consultations.</li> </ul>
<b>Newtown Trim Walking Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing and assessing possible options, in preparation for Options Report and public consultation</li> </ul>

#### 4. Roads & Sustainable Transport Schemes 2023 - Funding other than primarily DoT & NTA

<b>LDR4, Kells road to Ratholdren road, Navan –</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 2 tender documents being checked in advance of sending out to tender by short listed contractors.</li> <li>Formal Notices to Treat in relation to the Compulsory Purchase of Lands required for the scheme expected to be issued early April 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>R135 Cycle Network Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works substantially complete in Phase 1, between Tudor Grove entrance and Dunnes Stores.</li> <li>Surface water drainage complete in Phase 2 section (junction of Castle St to St Johnswood). Installation of new pedestrian and cyclist surfaces being advanced, prior to carriageway resurfacing.</li> </ul>
<b>Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nobber to Kingscourt</b> The contractor has now completed site clearance. Sleepers and rails have been removed between Nobber and Kilmainhamwood. Drainage 40% complete and boundary fencing 60% complete in this section.</li> <li><b>Castletown to Wilkinstown</b> The contractor has now completed site clearance. 50% of sleepers and rails removed. Contractor has commenced drainage and fencing works.</li> <li><b>Navan to Gibbstown</b> Blacktop surfacing currently being installed. Completing crossings and boundary treatment. Scheduled completion April 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Boyne Greenway &amp; Navigation Restoration Scheme (Navan - Oldbridge)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further flood modelling work ongoing to satisfy TII requirements before progressing to finalise the Options Report.</li> </ul>

## 5. Other Actions/ Projects

<p><b>Footpath Improvement Works</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme of Footpath Improvement Works for 2023 for each MD being devised, this will be communicated to Members in due course. Works progressing in Dunshaughlin and Athboy in March. Further Works going in preparation for tender.</li> <li>• Navan MD update – Silverlawns Phase 2 – 75% complete</li> </ul>
<p><b>Housing Estate Road Surfacing</b></p>	<p><b>Kells MD</b> Works complete on the resurfacing of the following estates in Kells town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beechlawn</li> <li>• Sycamore Avenue</li> <li>• O’Growney Terrace</li> <li>• Rockfield Estate and Gardenrath</li> <li>• Maple Drive</li> <li>• Headfort Grove</li> <li>• Fr. McCullen Park.</li> </ul> <p><b>Navan MD</b> Contractor appointed to carry out works in housing estates.</p> <p><b>Trim MD</b> Contract documents prepared and issued for surfacing in the following estates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Griffin Park,</li> <li>• Abbey View,</li> <li>• Castlawns, Summerhill</li> <li>• Meadow View Clonard</li> <li>• Baynefield Enfield</li> <li>• Innwood, Enfield</li> <li>• Delmere, Enfield</li> <li>• New houses Longwood.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Oldcastle Public Realm Scheme</b> <b>David O’Reilly</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobin Consultant Engineers advancing the Part 8 documents. Options for long stay car park currently being examined.</li> </ul>



## Planning and Development



- Planning Applications (Section 34)**  
 316 planning applications were lodged in the period 01.01.2023 to 23.03.2023. This is compared to 375 in the same period in 2022.
- Commencement Notices**  
 113 valid commencement notices were received in the period 01.01.2023 to 17.03.2023. This is compared to 144 in the same period in the previous year.

The commencement notices can be broken down as follows

Development Type	Number
One-Off House	53
Multi-Units	251 (units)
Extensions	21
Other*	10

\* Agricultural, Commercial, Recreational etc

- Development Contributions (Section 48)**  
 Development Contribution receipts for February 2023 show a collection of €1,164,965. This is compared to €2,114,848 collected in February 2022. (Figures are inclusive of Irish Water receipts).
- Planning Enforcement (Sections 152,154 and 160)**  
 26 planning enforcement cases have been opened to 15.03.2023.

	Number
New Cases to be Investigated	8
Warning Letter	15
Enforcement Notice	0
Referred for Legal Proceedings	0
Closed	3

\*please note these figures relate to cases opened in 2023 only

- Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027  
**Protect East Meath Ltd. versus Meath County Council and Trailford Ltd., Shannon Homes (Dundalk) Ltd., Rockmill Ltd., Glenveagh Home Ltd., Neemats Ltd., and J. Murphy (Developments) Ltd. [2023 IEHC 69] written judgement issued on 17 February.**

Final Orders have still not issued. The case has been deferred for mention on 17 April as Notice Parties are seeking a stay on the applications currently on appeal to An Bord Pleanála, ie. that the Bord would not make a decision on the appeal pending the outcome of any process the Council may undertake on foot of final Orders.

Discussions also took place with respect to what status the quashed lands, the subject of the Order, would have after the Order is perfected.

**The High Court Record No. 2021/959JR - Killegland Estates Limited -v- Meath County Council & Cornelius and Patricia Giltinane, Notice Parties - Judicial Review of MA08 Changing Zoning of Lands from A2 to G1**

An application seeking leave to appeal the decision has been made to the Supreme Court

**The High Court Record No. 2021/964JR - McGarrell Reilly Homes Limited & Alcove Ireland Eight Limited - v - MCC - Judicial Review of Zoning in County Development Plan 2021/2027 of Lands at Kilcock and Stamullen**

An application seeking leave to appeal the decision has been made to the Supreme Court

- Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)  
The Supplemental Map in relation to the Residential Zoned Land Tax will go on public display from 1 May to 1 June on <https://consult.meath.ie/> The Supplemental Map will show any additional sites identified since the publication of the draft RZLT map. A briefing will be provided at the May Council meeting.

## Economic Development



### Local Enterprise Office Meath

Activity	Approvals
Mentoring Assignments	8
Trading Online Vouchers	7
Training Online Courses Attended	360
Digital Marketing Clinics Attended	6
Trading Online Voucher Information Webinar Attended	33

Enterprise Week took place 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March and 330 people attend events run over the week.

## Finance Section



### Housing Loans:

RIHL/LAHL Loans Data 1st January 2023 to 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023		
Fully Completed Applications Received 2023	11	
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	2	Relates to 2023 application
Awaiting Further Information from applicants	2	All relate to 2023 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	13	4 relate to 2023, 9 relate to 2022
Refused by Credit Committee	3	0 relate to 2023, 3 relate to 2022 applications
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	3	All relate to 2023 applications
Returned to Customer	3	All relate to 2022 applications
Active Approvals	32.33	4 relate to 2023, 27.86 Relate to 2022, .47 relates to 2021,
Expired	8	8 relate to 2022 applications
Drawdown by Customer	7.47	7 relate to 2022 applications, .47 relate to 2021 applications,

Figures above relate to activity from 1st January 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and in some cases relate to applications from 2022.

Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases