



Chief Executive's Report for Elected Members

Monthly Management Report

September 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.

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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,

Fiona Lawless

Chief Executive

Corporate Affairs and Governance



Corporate Affairs

Save *the* Date

30 Year Anniversary of Meath Tourism
Knightsbrook Hotel
1st September 2023 at 6.30pm
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European Commission - Office in Grange, Dunsany,
Co Meath - Open Day
2nd September 2023 at 1.00pm
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Uisce Éireann Workshop (Hybrid)
4th September 2023 at 10.30am
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Full Council Meeting (Hybrid)
4th September 2023 at 1.30pm
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Dates and Times subject to change



Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023

Meath County Council has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023 for the following projects:

- **Trim Air Quality Project** in Climate Change
- **URBACT - Global Goals for Cities** in Sustainable Environment & Biodiversity
- **Supporting Creative Engagement** in Older Age in Sustaining the Arts

Unfortunately, the following projects were not shortlisted:

- **Meath collectively #EmbraceEquity** in Communications
- **Age Friendly Ireland | Older People's Councils** in Diversity & Inclusion
- **Meath Green Kilmometre** in Health & Wellbeing
- **Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme** in Local Authority Innovation
- **Sustainable Development Goals School Workshop** in Supporting Sustainable Communities



Meath County Council has been shortlisted in the 2023 Irish Planning Awards for the following projects:

- **Flower Hill and Abbeylands Urban Design Plan 2021** in the Plan Making Category
- **Kilcloon Community Development** in Sustainable Communities and Placemaking

Ceardlann Chartúin trí Ghaeilge

Mar chuid den phróiseas Pleanála teanga chun úsáid na Gaeilge a normalú agus a spreagadh agus chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do theaghlaigh atá ag tógáil páistí trí Ghaeilge, d'éagraigh Oifig na Gaeilge Chomhairle Chontae na Mí Ceardlann Chartúin trí Ghaeilge ar an Sathairn 29 Iúil a tharla i leabharlann na hUaimhe. Bhí an cheardlann seo dírithe ar pháistí níos sine 9-12 bliain d'aois agus bhí sé curtha i láthair go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge ag an áisitheoir Aidan Courtney, eagarthóir Coimicí Gael. Bhí seachtar bpáiste i láthair. Mhínigh an áisitheoir don ghrúpa cé chomh úsáideach atá na Coimicí Gael le haghaidh an Ghaeilge a thuiscint agus a fhoghlaim trí phictiúir agus boilgeoga cainte. Bhí deis ag an ghrúpa a guid gcartúin féin a tharraingt fosta.



Cartoon Workshop through Irish

As part of the language planning process to encourage and normalize the Irish language and to support families who are rearing their children through Irish, the Meath County Council Irish Language Office organised a cartoon workshop through Irish on Saturday 29 July that took place in Navan Library. This workshop was directed at older children aged between 9-12 years of age and it was presented entirely through Irish by facilitator Aidan Courtney, editor of Irish language comics. There were seven children in attendance. The facilitator explained to the group how useful Irish language comics are towards learning and understanding Irish through pictures and speech bubbles. The group had the opportunity to draw their own cartoons also.

Delegation from Meath County Council visits Corcubi3n



A delegation from Meath County Council travelled to Corcubi3n in July, a town twinned with Ashbourne. Twinning encourages communities from different parts of Europe to develop lasting links and help one another.

Gifts from Meath and Corcubi3n were exchanged between the Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council Cllr. Tommy Reilly and the new Mayor of Corcubi3n Javier Dominguez.

A short presentation was also given by Meath County Council highlighting the Boyne Valley and all that Ashbourne and Meath has to offer.

Meath Women's Caucus meet Jenny Rispin



Meath Women's Caucus was delighted to welcome Jenny Rispin, Interim Manager for Meath Ladies Football team to Buvinda House in July to share her experience and future plans in developing women's participation in sport in Meath and beyond.

Cllr. Maria Murphy, Chairperson of the Women's Caucus presented Jenny with a Boyne Valley Flavours Hamper with caucus members Cllr. Gillian Toole, Cllr. Aishling Dempsey and Cllr. Suzanne Jamal.

Meath County Council welcome Icelandic Youth Group



In August, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Tommy Reilly welcomed Meath Comhairle na nÓg and an Icelandic Youth Group to Meath County Council offices for a talk on local government. The group were visiting as part of an Erasmus+ programme seeing youth voices in action.

Launch of nextbike by Tier in Navan



On August 1, nextbike by TIER in partnership with Meath County Council announced the launch of a multi-modal bike service in Navan.

E-bikes cost €1.50 / 30min. Push-bikes cost €1 / 30min. E-cargo-bikes cost €1.50 / 30min. Details of mandatory parking racks, parking bays and flex zones can be found in the nextbike by TIER app. All journeys need to be started and finished within the flex zone at one of the parking bays or selected bike stands.

Welcoming the scheme, Mayor of Navan Cllr Edward Fennessy said "The main purpose of the project is to encourage people to get out of their cars and start cycling. A review of the scheme will take place in 12 months' time, so I urge everyone to use these bikes as often as they can."

International Rose of Tralee Festival comes to Meath



Meath gave a warm welcome to 32 Irish and International Roses who visited the County as part of the International Rose Tour on Wednesday, August 16th and Thursday, August 17th hosted by Meath County Council.

The Roses experienced a jam-packed whistle stop tour of the county before hitting the road to Tralee for the festival. The 32 Roses visited Newgrange Stone Age Passage Tomb, before heading on a thrilling adventure in Emerald Park. On day two of their tour, the Roses were treated to an authentic taste of Irish life on Causey Farm before travelling to Buvinda House for a Meath County Council welcoming reception which showcased Boyne Valley Flavours and the gave the Roses the opportunity to meet with local food and drink producers as well as Meath Craft Makers.

To help monitor the success of the tour on Meath County Council social media channels, we used the hashtag *#MeathRoseTour*. The hashtag which was used to promote Co. Meath had a reach of 494,000 (the total number of people who saw the content). Other than our own channels, some of the most popular mentions came from Emerald Park and the Rose of Tralee International Festival Instagram pages. The hashtag also accumulated 11,549 interactions, 11,253 of which were likes.

Corporate Governance

Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests

Meath County Council as a public body is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, which allows for access to certain records held by the local authority subject to a number of exemptions.

The following are the number of requests received in Q2 2023:

FOI	Requests	Internal Reviews	Appeals to OIC
Q2 - 2023	40	0	0

The link to the Council's FOI Disclosure Log is: <https://www.meath.ie/council/your-council/your-data-and-access-to-information/freedom-of-information>

The following are the Q2 2023 statistics relating to Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) requests:

AIE	Requests	Internal Reviews	Appeals to OCEI
Q2 – 2023	13	5	2

The Council's Data Protection Unit (DPU) continues to carry out significant work across the organisation to ensure compliance with the GDPR and Data Protection Acts. The following are the Q2 2023 statistics relating to Data Subject Access Requests - DSAR's:

Subject Access Requests	SAR's
Q2 - 2023	7

Climate Action and Environment



Climate Action



Trim Air Quality Project

The smart micro traffic sensors radar on both Market Street and Patrick Street has been enhanced to give more accurate data. This data is now being sent by API to our air quality dashboard. This data will be analysed over the coming weeks to establish links between air pollutants and internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles.



Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Officer has met a number of community groups to discuss eligibility of proposed projects. Groups include Sustainable Energy Communities, Environmental Organisations and Cemetery Committees.



Global Goals for Cities

The first 6 monthly review of the URBACT Global Goals for Cities took place. This involved each member city discussing the successes, challenges and futures plans for the implementation of the Integrated Action Plan. The Integrated Action Plan for Trim was formally launched in February, 2023 and the next review will occur in December, 2023.



In4Green URBACT Project

Meath County Council has been successful in its bid to become a partner city in the URBACT IV programme, project called In4Green.

The aim of the In4Green network project aims to empower and build the capacity of local stakeholders in industrial areas to overcome the barriers that prevent the transition to greener economies while remaining competitive and inclusive cities.

The project will involve the development of an Integrated Action Plan. The IAP will be developed through an integrated and participative approach. A local committee called the URBACT Local Group will be formed to co-design and co-create local policies. Cllr. Eddie Fennessy has agreed to chair the ULG group.

Grow it Yourself

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GET MEATH GROWING WITH META

In collaboration with META, Grow it Yourself and the URBACT Local Group, an initiative to encourage communities and individuals to grow fruit and vegetables kicked off in July. Over a 12-week period registered participants will be provided with a Grow Box growing kit (sponsored by META). Each registered group will receive support and advice from the 'Grow It Yourself' initiative. 4/5 overall winners will receive financial support to enable them to continue to grow food. A total of 23 groups in Co. Meath have signed up to take part.



Draft Climate Action Plan and Decarbonising Zone Workshops

A series of 9 Draft Climate Action Plan and Decarbonising Zone Workshops were held July through August, 2023 in each of the 9 Decarbonising Zones in Co. Meath. A presentation was delivered outlining the key objectives of the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and the evidence-based data included in the plan. Attendees were encouraged to communicate their views of what climate actions they feel are important to be included in the draft plan to reduce emissions within their locality.



Solar PV

On the 2nd August, Meath County Council's first Solar PV roof project was commissioned. In an effort to become more sustainable and reduce our carbon footprint as an organisation, Meath County Council has recently installed solar PV panels on the roof of our civic headquarters in Navan. Solar PV panels are renewable energy technology which create electricity from the power of the sun. This electricity can then be used to power homes, businesses, farms, etc. 345 solar photovoltaic panels have been installed on the south facing apex roofs of the Council's head office building, which will have a maximum peak output of 142kW. It is anticipated that this will reduce our consumption from the national grid by approx. 30%, resulting in an annual CO₂ reduction of 31 tonnes. The panels will contribute to the electrical demand of the building and aid with the demand associated with new Electric Vehicle Charge Points which will be installed in the coming months. This is just one project of many which Meath County Council are undertaking on the path to reducing our CO₂ emissions by 51% by 2030, in accordance with our national targets.

A video was shared on our social media channels highlighting the project. It can be viewed [here](#).

Environment

The Minister of State with special responsibility for Communications and Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth, has signed new regulations to encourage recycling and reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and incineration.

The Waste Management (Landfill Levy)(Amendment) Regulations 2023 and the Circular Economy (Waste Recovery Levy) Regulations 2023 will both come into effect on 1 September 2023.

The legislation introduces a waste recovery levy of €10 per tonne (or 1,000kg), and a €10 increase to the existing “landfill levy” to €85 per tonne.

The Department of the Environment Climate and Communications in a press release issued following the signing of the new regulations point out that :

“As the levies apply only to ‘black’ bin waste, householders can manage the impact of this charge by sorting their waste and reusing and recycling as much as possible to minimise their overall household waste charges. The EPA has noted that the quantity of household waste managed in Ireland in 2020 equated to 372kg per person, with 39% going into the black bin.

The level at which the recovery levy is being introduced, and the size of the increase in the landfill levy, should mean that any additional costs arising for householders will be very modest as the levies only apply to black bin waste.”

The recovery levy will not apply initially to the recovery of construction and demolition (C&D) material

EPA - Local Authority Performance Framework - 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 know as the RMCEI plan by the 28th February each year.

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 NEPs are focused on achieving environmental outcomes fall under four themes; governance processes, waste, water, and air/noise

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.

The agency recently published assessments results for 2022 and Meath County Council met the required standard of a Strong or Excellent result for 90% of the NEPs – the national average was 59%.

Burial Grounds

Loganstown Trim

The contract for the development of a new burial ground and associated infrastructure was signed on the 4th July and with works now ongoing and expected to be completed within a 40 week time period.

The development will consist of :

- A total of 2,400 single plot Burial Ground, Garden of Remembrance and Columbarium Walls for the interment of Urns ;
- Internal Access Roads and footpaths to accommodate vehicular access and walking access isles;
- An access road with a general cross-section of 12 meters incorporating in a 2-metre grass verge, a 2-metre footpath with low level Public lighting;
- A new entrance from the Local Road L-80171 (Loganstown / Rathnally Road) with gates and railings;
- A carpark with a total of 98 car-parking spaces with Public Lighting;
- A caretaker's office/canteen and toilet facilities;
- A waste-water treatment plant and percolation area;
- All associated boundary fencing, landscaping, surface water drainage, ducting, piping, and ancillary works.
- A 2m wide footpath with public lighting, road widening and drainage for a distance of approximately 600m from the Burial ground entrance to the junction of the Navan – Trim R161 Regional Road

Stamullen

The development of a playground, woodland walk, and burial ground is the subject of a Part 8 planning process and a report on submissions received is to be considered at the September Ashbourne Municipal District Council meeting.

Burial Gardens and Columbarium Walls

A contractor has been identified for the development of burial gardens and Columbarium Walls within the five Burial Grounds which are directly under the Councils control and namely St Finians Navan, Derrockstown Dunshaughlin, Good Sheppard Duleek, St Declans Ashbourne , and Rooske Road Extension Dunboyne. Work on this project is expected to commence in October.

Housing Services



Capital Programme

Summary Profile of Approved Direct Construction Projects

PROJECT NAME	NO. OF UNITS	ESTIMATED START DATE	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
PRELIMINARY DESIGN PHASE			
Ashewood View, Ashbourne, Co. Meath	74	Q1 2024	Q4 2025
New Lane, Abbeylands, Navan	6	Q1 2024	Q1 2025
Total	80		
PLANNING LODGED WITH AN BORD PLEANALA			
Kells, Archdeaconry	22	Q3 2023**	Q4 2024**
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	47	Q3 2023**	Q2 2025**
PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS & DETAILED DESIGN			
Nangle Court, Navan	12	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Church View, Rathmolyon	22	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
Haggard Street, Trim	4	Q1 2024	Q1 2025
Ratholdren Court, Navan	27	Q1 2024	Q1 2025
Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney	2	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
Combined Planning Stage & Detailed Design Total	136		

TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION			
Brews Hill, Navan	12	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Pitcher Lane, Kells	5	Q4 2023	Q3 2024
Swan Lane, Navan	6	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Total	23		
CONSTRUCTION STAGE			
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
Convent Lands Kildalkey Road, Athboy	28	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Total	228		
OVERALL TOTAL	467		

****Construction dates for Archdeaconry and Carrick St. Kells will be updated when ABP issue decision.**

Meath County Council Approved Capital Assistance Scheme, Part V & Turnkey

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ashbourne	Part V	4
Athboy	Part V	7
Bettystown	Part V	8
Drogheda	Part V	8
Dunshaughlin	Part V	21
Enfield	Part V	7
Kells	Part V	2
Kilcock	Part V	2
Kilmessan	Part V	3

Navan	Part V	36
Longwood	Part V	3
Rathmolyon	Part V	1
Slane	Part V	7
Stamullen	Part V	2
Trim	Part V	4
Navan	Turnkey	4
Drogheda	Turnkey	30
Kells	CAS	2
Total		151

93 of these units are scheduled for delivery in 2023.

Meath County Council Approved Capital Assistance Scheme, Part V & Turnkey – Delivered as at August 2023.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Drogheda	Part V	11
Dunshaughlin	Part V	3
Kells	Part V	5
Trim	Part V	16
Navan	Part V	5
Donacarney	Part V	2
Kilcock	Part V	2
Kells	Turnkey	12
Donacarney	Turnkey	12
Total		68

Affordable Housing

Applications opened for the Willows Phase 2 on the 31st of July 2023. Closed on the 22nd of August 2023. A total of 231 applicants expressed an interest in the Scheme. A total of 35 applicants submitted valid applications and are being assessed further.

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 Scheme

The site consists of 10nr. residential units. Scheme is progressing within the programme and estimated for completion in Q4 2023.

Alverno Court Refurbishment:

- Phase 4 commenced on 16th June and includes 7nr. properties (one property from Phase 5 was moved forward to Phase 4).
- Good progress is been made with the main works on Phase 4 on all units
- The new build units No. 79 & 80 Alverno Heights are substantially complete. Some minor snag items are outstanding.

Local Authority Adaptive Work Scheme (LAWWS)

- LAAWS grant funding of €580,970 including VAT has been approved for 2023 by the Department.
- To date for 2023, 28nr. LAAWS are complete. Another 26nr. LAAWS are awarded to Contractors. There are additional LAAWS, which will be awarded in order of their medical priority, based on the funding available.

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

451 applications to the value of €3,142,875 have been approved to date in 2023.

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 20th August 2023. For the period from 20th June 2023 to 20th August 2023, works were completed on 16 vacant units, while 16 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	2	1	2	5	0
Kells	4	5	2	7	4
Laytown/Bettystown	2	1	0	3	0
Navan	11	7	1	15	4
Ratoath	3	3	0	3	3
Trim	6	5	1	9	3
TOTALS	28	22	**6	42	14

**Note: 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	Q4 2023
Mine View, Athboy Road, Navan	29	Respond	Q4 2023
Swanbrook, Trim Road, Navan	8	Tuath Housing	Q4 2023
Maudlin Vale, Trim	11	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
Total Number of Approved Units	88		

Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects Delivered in 2023 Year to date

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB	Delivered
Mine View, Athboy Road, Navan	34	Respond	Q2 2023
Swanbrook, Trim Road, Navan	40	Tuath Housing	Q2 2023
The Arches, Dunshaughlin	6	Tuath Housing	Q2 2023
Maudlin Vale, Trim	20	Tuath Housing	Q1 & Q3 2023
The Willows, Dunshaughlin	20	Cluid	Q2 2023
Cois Glaisin, Navan	5	Cluid	Q2 2023
Efferknock, Trim	20	Cluid	Q2 2023
Glen Boann, Donancarney	12	Cluid	Q3 2023
Total Number of Approved Units	157		

Leasing

Project Name	No. of Units	Entity	Estimated Completion
Aylsebury, Clonee	73	Meath County Council	Q4 2023
Metges Road, Navan	42	Tuath Housing	Q4 2023
Dunville, Navan	45	Tuath Housing	Q4 2023
Total Number of Approved Units	160		

Homelessness July 2023

	SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES	HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
Placements at 31 st of May (Previous Reported Figure)	144 (155 adults)	58 (99 adults 101 children)	202
Placements at 31 st of July	148 (160 adults)	58 (95 Adults and 99 Children)	206

Of the households with children, 49 families are placed in short term private rented accommodation (house/apartment/B&B) through Settlement Team's intervention and 9 Families in PMVT Family Hubs

Reasons for emergency accommodation placement in order of frequency: Primary reason is family / relationship breakdown; notice to quit; overcrowding; addiction; mental health; domestic violence; couch surfing; rough sleeping; unsuitable accommodation

Age profile of clients in emergency accommodation July 2023

Age profile	Clients	0-4	04-11	11-18	18-25	25-40	40-65	Over 65
Families	95	-	-	-	24	43	26	2
Couples	24	-	-	-	8	8	6	2
Singles	136	-	-	-	13	42	75	6
Children	99	30	36	33	-	-	-	-
Total	354	30	36	33	45	93	107	10

**Families – 95 Adults includes 16 adult children
79 Adults and 115 Children (of these 21 are adult Children)**

Adult children range from 18 - 25

Place finder 01/07/2023- 31/07/2023

Total	8
Exit from Emergency Accommodation	5
Homeless Prevention	3

Tenant Liaison Team July 2023

Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation	Complaints	Cases
Frequent serious disturbances	64	39
Occupancy of Dwelling	21	21
Garden upkeep/Maintenance	14	11
Dog/Horse/ Pet Control	1	1
Total Received 01/05/2023- 31/05/2023	100	72

Standards in Rented Accommodation

2,699 Inspections were scheduled for rented properties in Meath up to the end of July 2023. Of these 2,699 properties 450 properties passed the minimum standards. Subsequent follow up inspections will be carried out to ensure compliance.

Social Housing Supports

- 675 applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January 1st to 31st July 2023. 468 were successful.
- Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period January 1st to 31st July 2023

Allocations/Housing Supports	Number
MCC Direct Allocations	184

Transfers	12
Approved Housing Bodies	148
Rental Accommodation Scheme	3
Housing Assistance Payment	214
Long term Leasing	1
Mortgage To Rent (Approved Housing Bodies)	3
AHB CALF Acquisition	1
TOTAL	566

Choice Based Lettings Advertised up to 31st July 2023

No. of Bed rooms	Ashbourne MD	Laytown/ Bettystown MD	Kells MD	Navan MD	Ratoath MD	Trim MD
1						
2	3No. Ashbourne	8No. Donnacarne 1No. Duleek	6No. Oldcastle	9No. Navan	1No. Ratoath 20No. Dunshaughlin	1No. Ballivor 1No. Summerhill 6No. Trim
3	1No. Ashbourne	7No. Drogheda 4No. Donnacarne	1No. Kells 1No. Nobber	9No. Navan	4No. Dunshaughlin	25No. Trim
4						
Total	4	20	8	18	25	33

Community Development



Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The last LCDC meeting was held Friday, 28th July 2023. The next LCDC meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 22nd September 2023.

LEADER Programme 2014-2022

The last LAG meeting was held on Friday, 28th July 2023 with the next meeting to take place on Friday 22nd September 2023.

The LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) was submitted to Pobal for appraisal in mid-July.

Healthy Ireland / Healthy Meath

The Healthy Ireland Fund Round 4 activities have commenced which are concentrated on improving positive mental health and healthy lifestyle behaviours. Initiatives running throughout July and August include health checks, physical activity programmes, mental wellbeing and nutrition workshops and research for the Meath mental wellbeing network.

The next Meath LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subgroup meeting is scheduled for the 19th of September.

Pride of Place Initiative

Judging has commenced and awards nights are due to be held in September & October.

Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place awards

Judging took place on 17th & 18th August. The groups being judged are: Summerhill Tidy Towns, Kells Community Allotments and Solas Glan Community Garden.

Carranstown Grant Scheme

32 applications were approved for funding under the scheme and all applicants have been notified of the outcome. The date for the annual Indaver Awards night is 28th September 2023.

Meath Age Friendly

The Meath Cares About Older People event held in Fairyhouse in May, Fáilte Isteach, an initiative of Third Age involving predominantly older volunteers welcoming migrants to the community through conversational English classes and AgeWell (a Third Age Initiative) were all nominated for the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2023.

Meath Older Person's Council (OPC)

The latest Meath OPC meeting was held in Buvinda House on 20th July 2023 and the next meeting is scheduled to be held in September 2023.

Joint Migrant Integration Forum

The Joint Migrant Integration Forum are planning to host a joint migrant support event in October (date to be confirmed). This aim of this event is to showcase the work of the Forum in supporting migrants across different aspects of life. It is hoped that the event will be informative and practical with inspirational elements of different cultures in one place such as art, music, sports etc.

Joint Policing Committee

The next meeting of the Meath Joint Policing Committee is scheduled for 21st September which is the public meeting and scheduled to take place in The Village Hotel, Bettystown.

Public Participation Network

The last Secretariat meeting before summer break took place on July 5th. Following which a call out for Expressions of Interest were made to fill vacant PPN seats on SPCs and LCDC. Linkage group development to support these reps is a key development area of Meath PPN and a tender was issued to secure a facilitator to support these groups and reps.

A number of climate action and social inclusion workshops took place across the county, with the Climate Action department delivering an online information session on decarbonization zones in July. Working with the Healthy Meath team on delivering actions from the Healthy Ireland Local Strategy for Meath, a series of initiatives were delivered at various sports clubs across the county.

581 groups are registered with Meath PPN.

National Broadband Plan

Works continued to be delivered in Dunboyne, Kilnakeck, (NBI works) and in Navan, Donabate, Trim, Carnaross, Lusk, Hill of Down, Donadea (Eir Make Ready Works).

Updated deployment statistics can be found at <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> and selecting Meath in the dropdown Menu.

Digital Strategy

A 2022 progress report on the targets identified in the Digital Strategy has been completed and will be presented to Councillors as soon as possible. A review of the strategy is underway. As part of the Digital Skills goal, three taster sessions for OurKidsCode (a family digital skills programme to form coding clubs) were held in Navan Library in July.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

The Town & Village Renewal Scheme was launched in July by Minister Heather Humphries TD. Meath County Council are seeking expressions of interest for potential projects. Details of the scheme and relevant forms can be found on <https://www.meath.ie/council/council-services/community/community-grants-and-initiatives/town-and-village-renewal-scheme>.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by Friday 29th September 2023.

Libraries Services



Trim Library

Trim Library returned to High Street after an almost three-year absence. The library is now part of the Swift Centre which includes meeting rooms, an event studio, and the wonderful 247-seater theatre. The refurbished library boasts a new event/study space, a maker space for STEAM based events and will shortly see the return of the very popular 'Magic Table' for children and adults with cognitive challenges.

As expected, visits have increased dramatically with record numbers coming to use the new library space and attend the summer events. 4,248 visits were recorded in the first 3 weeks of opening compared to 1,864 visits at the temporary premises during the same period last year. The magician Billy Bubbles headlined the first of the summer events in the Studio events space with 130 children and parents attending. Mark the Science Guy will close the summer events at the end of the month with already over 160 children and adults registered for the event in the new Swift Theatre.

Since re-opening in the new space, registrations have increased substantially on the same period last year, with 949 registrations compared to 221 registrations in the same three-week period last year. Issues have increased over the same period with 10,071 items issued since the 24th of July compared to 3,028 issues in the same period last year.

A particularly heartening statistic is the increase in the number of parents visiting the new library to sign their children up for the 'Summer Stars' reading programme. To date 653 children have signed up this year compared to 351 last year.

Summer Stars Programme 2023

Meath Library Service participated in the free nationwide children's reading programme which takes place in all the public libraries each summer. The programme is a key component of the national 'Right to Read' initiative. The Summer Stars programme seeks to reach 15% of the 5-9 age group in the country.

Children throughout the county are invited to join the reading adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who signs up receives a reader's registration pack and is awarded a certificate of participation at the end of the programme.

Participation in the reading programme has grown year on year with the highest participation rate this year at almost **3,300 children signed up** to date. This has been a sizeable increase since the pre-Covid 2019 figure of 1,722. Some branches doubled the number of registrations this year.

Although not fully complete, there is no doubt that the Summer Stars programme has been a great success this year.

The local variations to the scheme, with participants entering additional free draws and receiving small rewards, has led to increased registrations. Comments from parents have been very positive in that their children are reading more than before, and this is encouraging more library visits. The Right to Read target is expected to increase to 30% in 2024. To achieve the target of registering 30% of children in the 5-9 age group, it will be necessary to invest additional funds to incentivise and reward participation in this very worthwhile and successful programme.

Call for expressions of interest: Pilot project to run energy workshops/information sessions at 20 library locations around the country:

This pilot project is proposed by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), in partnership with the LGMA, Irish public libraries, and the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). The workshops/information sessions will be delivered by SEAI's SEC County Mentor team at libraries across the four regional areas of the SEC Network in Autumn/Winter of 2023.

The aim of the pilot programme is to make energy information and supports readily available and accessible by all citizens in the community. The pilot will aim to include a range of locations and five libraries will be identified for each of the four regions on this basis. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the pilot programme Meath County Council Library Service has nominated one branch – Trim - to be considered for inclusion. It is hoped that learnings and performance of the pilot could potentially form the basis for a future wider rollout.

Meath County Archive

The archive participated in two events to mark **Heritage Week** in the county.

On Tuesday 15th August the county archivist ran a practical session for the public on how to care for family archives. Attendees were given guidance on how and where to store family records. The guide to preservation was followed by a practical session to practice storing records correctly. Really interesting conversations were had on military and religious collections held in private hands. Places were limited for this event but due to the demand there are already plans to run it again in the autumn.

A large group gathered on Wednesday 16th August for an evening event in the Moynalty Steam Threshing Museum for a talk given by the county archivist on the Farrell Moynalty Estate Collection. The archive of the Farrell Estate was bought by Meath County Council in 2015. The archive comprises maps, estate ledgers and private notebooks of the Moynalty area, under the ownership of the Farrell family in the 18th and 19th century. The estate collection adds another dimension to the study of the area. The museum and the archive have plans to showcase the collection in a major exhibition in Moynalty in 2024.

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"> • Construction Works to mainline re Accommodation Works are ongoing. • Construction Works to side roads re landscaping Works, surfacing and Accommodation works are ongoing. • A temporary traffic management system will continue in place to facilitate ongoing construction works along the route. • Contract is expected to be substantially complete in Q3 2023
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Draft of EIAR and CPO documents are being finalised.
N52 Grange to Clontail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Bord Pleanála have extended the timeframe for decision on this CPO to Quarter 2 2023.
N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design work is ongoing to refine the preferred option corridor for the scheme at the tie in junction locations • To inform this work the Ground Site Investigations are planned to commence mid July. The consultants on behalf of MCC will be contacting the landowners in the coming weeks to arrange access for the Investigation works.
National Road Resurfacing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N2 Rathdrinagh to Tuiterrath including Pump Cross – Works are substantially complete. • N52/ R154 Johnsbrook Cross Safety Improvement - works substantially complete.

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

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

Road Works Programme

Phase 1 (Recycle Overlay & Surface Dressing 2023)

Works carried out on the following:

- L-5608-16 Mullaghfin
- L-5626-0 Newrath
- L-2805-34 Carrickspringan
- L-6824-0 Woodpole
- R-160-46 Clongowan
- L-7411-1 Oristown
- L-74113-28 Wilkinstown
- L-5011-37 Princetown
- L-34021-0 Rahood
- L-68321-0 Martry
- L-50463-9 Balgeeth
- L-6836-0 Volvenstown
- L-3401-0 Posseckstown

Phase 2 Surface Dressing 2023

Works carried out on

- R-156-213 Harlockstown
- R-125-28 Phepotstown
- R-154 Crossakeel
- R-160-81 Ballyclare
- R-160-98 Middleborough

- L-10132-0 Yellow Furze
- L-1600-0 Seneschalstown
- L-1601-19 Roughgrange
- L-5610-0 Red Mountain
- L-4006-27 Halltown
- L-80091-16 Neilstown
- L-68081 Screeboge
- L-68171-0 Kingsmountain
- L-6824-29 Loghan
- L-6824-11 Cornasaus
- L-68241 Rathendrick
- L-6824 Ratinree Upper
- L-34061-19 Knighstown
- L-34073 Coghalstown
- L-3406-24 Darbys Cross
- L-3407-7 Knock
- L-68341-0 Kilskeer

L-68221-0 Robinstown
L-34033-0 Parliament Cross
L-3411-12 Julianstown
L-68131 Crossdrum Lower
L-62001-0 Jordanstown
L-62253-0 Clonycurry
L-6225-18 Rathcore
L-6226-21 Clonguffin
L-8026-0 Ballinabrackey
L-4018-18 Ticoghan
L-8018-8 Clondalee Bog
L-8031-0 Ballymahon
L-80321-0 Lionsden
L-4021-0 Stoneyford
L-4015-14 Cloncarneel
L-8021-1 Rossan
L-4013 Kildalkey

Phase 4 HRA & 942 2023

Works carried out on

Mullaghboy Industrial Estate
R-162 Wilkinstown
L-4008 Robinstown Village
L-5050 Johnstown Village Navan

Phase 5 Structural Overlay and Surface Dressing 2023

Works carried out on

L-6218-0 Longtown
L-2216-0 Warrenstown
L-5629-8 Gernonastown
L-3407-0 Killary
L-56-23-0 Slieve Breagh
R-154-207 Mitchelstown
L-74-23-0 Whitewood
L-40231-0 Black Road
L-50522-0 Cairn Hill
L-4006-27 Irishtown
L-6214-16,L-223-0 Coole/Garadice
L-6814-16 Newcastle
R-154-121 Johnstown
L-7413-0 Tankardstown

CIS

Works complete at Halltown, Navan.

LIS

Works commenced at

Corboggy, Moynalty
Cruicetown, Nobber and
Ballinagon Upper, Carnaross.

2. (b) Strategic Regional & Local Roads & Specific Improvement Grant

R162 Kilberry Phase 2B:

Contract awarded for construction works which involve road drainage, road repair and footpath upgrade from Meath Farm Machinery to the GAA club on the R162. Works expected to commence on site mid September 2023.

R150 Laytown to Bettystown Spine Road:

Land acquisition and project Close Out progressing.

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

2023 Schemes Road
2023 schemes – discussions and designs works ongoing

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

2022 DoT Schemes	
Oldbridge Bridge (R161)	Works complete.
2023 DoT Schemes	
Kilcarn Bridge (R147)	Remedial Works completed, bar watermain replacement
Mellifont Bridge (L5606)	Works complete
Clonguiffin Bridge (L4020)	Works complete bar resurfacing
Springhall Culvert (R195)	Contractor in process of being appointed
Coolfore Culvert (L5008)	Contractor in process of being appointed
Bridge Roadworks Programme 2023	Complete
BAMS Surveys and Inspections	Surveys and Inspections underway
Minor Bridge Works 2023	Contractor in process of being appointed

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>Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) –</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MV and LV connections to new ESB substation completed and the was substation energised. Paving works to front of the substation 50% complete. • Instalation of stone cladding to the base of the art sculpture completed. • Works commenced on erection of black granite cladding to walls approx. 96% complete. • Pedestrain priority paving works to entrance to Metges laneway completed. • New kerbing and pavement works at the Market Square from site of old St Laurance Hotel to Eddie Rockets completed. Flowerbeds topsoiled and awaiting landscaping. • Consultation with business owners on Kennedy Road continuing. • New raised pedestrian crossings on Paddy O’Brien Street 100% complete. • Paving works at corner of Kennedy Road/Trimgate Street adjacent to Little Chislors 90% completed. Following the commissiioning of new public lighting and decomisiioning of redundant lighting, the flowerbed is to be completed and landscaped. • Paving works commenced from plaza car park entrance to the Credit Union. • Service diversion and paving works from Old Cornmarket lane to Tierneys Newsagents commenced. • Paving works to new pedestrian crossing at AIB to Tierneys 50% complete.
<p>Navan GDA Cycle Network: Athlumney to Trim Road Cycle and Pedestrian Scheme – Phase 1 Works from Solstice to Beechmount.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor, John Cradock Ltd commenced works on 06/06/2023. • Works continuing on new and relocated ducting, drainage, fibre ducting + chambers on Railway St + protection works to existing u/ground Eir ducting. • Relocation of boundaries on Railway Street section ongoing. • Works continuing at Flowerfield School; planned for substantial completion by end of August for school reopening. • Site clearance works at Navan Railway/Bus Station have commenced. Removal of railings and stone piers on front of Co. Hall for restoration has taken place. • Completion of tree removal at Connolly Avenue. Substantial quantity of drainage laid on Trim Rd/Connolly Ave section.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary set-back and road resurfacing works completed at railway level crossing XK020. • Earthworks along Connolly Ave has commenced. <p>TM system in place and working well.</p>
Navan GDA Cycle Network: Fairgreen to Johnstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant/Designers continuing with Option Selection process for section from Convent Road to Metges Road.
Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1: R147 Martha’s Bridge to Circular Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants working on Phase 5 Detailed Design process. • Contractor for G.I. services works has commenced • Contractor for Pavement Investigation has completed works and submitted deliverables. • Contractor for Sewer CCTV has substantially completed works. • Contractor for Site Investigations works has been appointed. Due to commence in mid-September. • Consultants working on Phase 5 Detailed Design process. Communications have commenced with affected landowners with respect to potential land acquisition.
Navan GDA Cycle Network - NA1: R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of tender evaluation for Consultancy Design Services Phases 5 – 7 (Detailed Design, Tender, Construction Stage, and Close Out) is ongoing. • Tender appointment process to be complete by mid-September.
Navan GDA Cycle Network: Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants continuing design work associated with Phase 2 - Concept Development & Option Selection. • Preparations are ongoing for the delivery of emerging preferred option to stakeholders ahead of the Statutory process.
Navan Public Realm – Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design works continuing in relation design elements and stakeholder impacts.
Navan Public Realm: Academy Street Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NTA confirmation received to proceed to Phase 3 preliminary design process. Design work continuing on Phase 3 process.
Convent Road to Metges Road & Trim Road; Beechmount to Balreask Manor Active Travel Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants advancing with Option Selection/Preliminary Design/Statutory Process design services for the section of Trim Road from Beechmount Estate to Balreask Manor Convent Road to Metges Road.
Ratoath Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full set of final tender documents received from the consultant engineer, documents currently under review.
N51 Park & Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting commission the final elements (cctv system, parking meters) and installation of signage.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to N51/L3416 junction continuing, with temporary traffic management plan implemented.
Bus Shelter Enabling Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stop works in Ratoath completed. Snagging works ongoing.
Accessible Bus Stops Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stop works in Trim completed. Snagging works ongoing.
Dunboyne to Clonee Pedestrian and Cycle Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route Option Selection Report received from the consultant engineer. Document currently under review. Route Option Selection Report to be workshopped with the NTA.

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

Millennium Pedestrian Bridge - Trim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants appointed, Topo survey complete, Ecological studies commenced on site and ground investigation contact being procured.
Ashbourne R135 Cycle Network Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor progressing works between Castle Street and St. Johns Wood, this section of works is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of September.
Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilinstown to Castletown Works progressing well, contractor to commence screen fencing and gating of farm crossing. Date for completion to be confirmed in September. • Nobber to Kingscourt Nobber to Kilmainhamwood section 95% complete. Bridge for this section was installed, snagging works remain. Nobber to Kilmainhamwood Section of greenway due to open in September, contractor to confirm date. Greenway construction 75% complete between Kilmainhamwood and Poles Cross. Poles Cross to Kingscourt, contractor grading existing ballast and installing new capping layer.
Boyne Greenway & Navigation Restoration Scheme (Navan - Oldbridge)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional flooding assessment and modelling as identified by TII requirements completed now, and completing final draft of the Feasibility Study and Options Assessment report.
Dunshaughlin Public Realm Main Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised design development to Part 8 statutory approval stage. Planning application to be lodged in August

5. Other Actions/ Projects

Housing Estate Road Surfacing	<p>Navan MD: Contractor completed works in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moatville • St. Brigid's Villas, • St. Columbus Terrace • Beechmount Lawns and • Athlumney Village
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Oldcastle Public Realm Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Part 8 application on public display since 19th July 2023, latest date for submissions Thursday 31st August 2023.
LDR4 Abbeylands Navan – New road from Kells road to Ratholdren Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stage 2 Tender documents issued to list of contractors shortlisted at Stage 1. Contract award currently expected Q4 2023 with 24 month estimated construction duration.
Traffic Calming Ramps	<p>Ramps now installed at the following locations, road marking and snagging works remain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Boyerstown National School ○ Dangan National School Summerhill ○ Ardcath National School ○ Bellewstown National School ○ Scoil Muire Trim. ○ R156 Summerhill (Meals on Wheels).

Planning and Development



1. Planning Applications (Section 34)

1040 planning applications were lodged in the period 01.01.2023 to 18.08.2023. This is compared to 1084 in the same period in 2022.

2. Commencement Notices

416 valid commencement notices were received in the period 01/01/2023 to 18/08/2023. This is compared to 404 in the same period in the previous year.

The commencement notices can be broken down as follows:

Development Type	Number
One-Off House	174
Multi-Units	750** (units)
Extensions	75
Other*	45

* Agricultural, Commercial, Recreational etc

**This includes a resubmission of a commencement notice for which the initial valid commencement notice has since been withered.

No commencement notices have been lodged in relation to solar farms for the period 01.01.2023 to 18.08.2023.

3. Development Contributions (Section 48)

Development Contribution receipts up to 31st July 2023 show a collection of €5,137,450. This is compared to €9,170,610 collected in the same period last year. (Figures are inclusive of Irish Water receipts).

Temporary Waiver Scheme

In addition to the above, development contributions covered by the Temporary Time-Limited Waiver Circular introduced in April will be recouped from the DHLGH in the coming weeks.

There are 350 units to date eligible for this Scheme, totalling €2,449,035.

4. Planning Enforcement (Sections 152,154 and 160)

87 planning enforcement cases have been opened to 18.08.2023

New Cases to be Investigated	14
Warning Letter	54
Enforcement Notice	4
Referred for Legal Proceedings	1
Closed	14

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

Economic Development



Grants Approved and Training

Grant Approved/Mentoring Sessions/Training	Number
Measure 1 Grant Approvals	3
Trading Online Voucher Approval	16
Mentoring Assignments Approved	40
Attended Online Training Courses	69
Attended Digital Marketing Clinics	5
Attended Website Health Check Clinics	5
Attended Finance Advice Clinics	3
LEAN for Micro Applications	3
Green for Micro Applications	6

The Meath Economic Development Roadmap was officially launched at the end of June. Work is continuing the promotion of the Roadmap, to encourage developers and potential investors to make Meath their location of choice. A promotional video for County Meath has been produced and released, and further videos highlighting the benefits of considering Navan and Dunboyne will be available by the start of September.

To further progress the aims of the Roadmap and to assist with the preparation of the next strategy document, a new Meath Economic Development Forum is being set up. At a meeting in July, the Corporate Policy Group approved the appointment of Colm O'Rourke as Chair of the Forum. Work is continuing to finalise membership, details of which will be confirmed next month.

The Planning & Economic Development teams are currently working on a number of measures to support potential investors through the various stages of establishing a presence in Meath, linking in with the Local Enterprise Office, Meath Enterprise and Meath Chamber and other State Agencies as required.

Tourism



Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2024-2030 Consultation

Tender for the Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy was advertised on etenders and following this process, Julie O'Brien of Runda Hospitality and Tourism Solutions was appointed.

Consultation with stakeholders, the tourism industry, the local community and elected members will take place throughout August and September. Public consultation will take place on 3rd October. For details, please email info@discoverboynevalley.ie.

The 7-year tourism strategy will guide the future development and growth of the tourism industry across the Boyne Valley. It will have an emphasis on sustainability and the integration of the UN SDGs, in addition to incorporating accessibility to create an inclusive destination. Generating an economic spread throughout the destination along with identifying innovative ideas for new projects will be key. There will be a focus on heritage, adventure and activities, food and outdoor trails. The hidden gems along with opportunities within our rural towns and villages will be explored through the consultation process.

30 Year Anniversary of Meath Tourism

On Friday 1st September Boyne Valley Tourism formerly Meath Tourism will celebrate its 30-year anniversary since its foundation. Meath Tourism is one of the longest running tourism companies in the country. There have been many changes to tourism over the last 3 decades including new visitor centres at Brú na Bóinne, Battle of the Boyne Site, the opening of Trim Castle for tours and the development of Emerald Park, many new hotels as well as the success of the Boyne Valley Brand.

Finance



Housing Loans :

RIHL/LAHL Data 1 st January 2023 to 11 th August 2023		
Fully Completed Applications Received	39	
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	1	Relates to 2023 application
Awaiting Further Information from applicants	4	Relates to 2023 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	36	24 relate to 2023, 13 relate to 2022. (3 x 2022 applications and 1 x 2023 applications were reassessed for the increase in house price limit as per Circular 07/2023 effective 1 st March 2023)
Refused by Credit Committee	13	10 relate to 2023, 3 relate to 2022 applications
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	0	
Active Approvals	21.25	20 relate to 2023, 1.17 Relate to 2022, 0.08 relates to 2021,
Expired	25	22 relate to 2022 & 3 relate to 2023
Drawdown by Customer	20.61	9 relates to 2023, 10.69 relate to 2022 applications, 0.92 relate to 2021 applications,

Figures above related to activity from 1st January 2023 to 11th August 2023 and in some cases relate to applications from 2022. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases.