



Chief Executive's Report for Elected Members

Monthly Management Report

October 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

Púca Festival Local Launch
Swift Cultural Centre
4th October at 6.00pm
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Pride of Place Awards
Kells - 10th October - Headfort Arms Hotel
Navan - 12th October - Newgrange Hotel
Ratoath - 17th October - Dunboyne Castle Hotel
Trim - 18th October - Trim Castle Hotel
Laytown/Bettystown - 24th October - The Village Hotel
Ashbourne - 26th October - The Pillo Hotel
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23rd October to 3rd November
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Pre - Budget Meetings
1st November & 2nd November

Dates and Times subject to change

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Make Way Day 2023



Service Users from Prosper Meath (Climber Hall & Farrell Street) took to the streets of Kells on Friday, September 22 for Make Way Day 2023.

Make Way Day is an annual campaign to make way on our streets for people with disabilities and to raise public awareness about the problems caused by obstacles blocking footpaths.

Meath Business & Tourism Awards



Cathaoirleach Cllr. Tommy Reilly, Chief Executive Fiona Lawless and DoS Des Foley recently attended the launch of the 14th Meath Business & Tourism Awards.

Held in partnership with Meath Chronicle, Meath County Council and Discover Boyne Valley the MBTAs are the highlight of the business social calendar and take place in Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort in November.

Award categories include Best Family Business, Emerging Business, Local Enterprise Office Meath Award, Note for Profit Award, The Digital Trailblazer Award, Investment in Employee Training and Development Award, Best Customer Experience, Small Tourism Business and Best Tourism Experience.

Nominations are currently opened, enter now by visiting <https://bit.ly/3P6v000>.

Kells Sawmills Contract Signing



Meath County Council is delighted to advise that the contracts for the Kells Sawmills Project were signed in early September.

The aim of the project is to establish Ireland's first typographic centre celebrating lettering as an art form, capitalising on Kells unique history of lettering. It is proposed to conserve and showcase the Print Works in the Sawmills in Kells with the establishment of a working studio that will produce bespoke limited edition printed material and previously unavailable training opportunities and education programmes. Kells Print Works will form a new National Centre for Typography and partner with national educational institutions to deliver professional skills-based training.

Leas Chathóirleach Cllr. Paul McCabe is pictured at the signing with John McGrath, Senior Engineer, Thomas Shankey, Blakesdeen Ltd and Chief Executive Fiona Lawless.

Road Safety Signage Initiative



On Friday, September 1st, The Meath Joint Policing Committee Subcommittee on Road Safety and Improved Driver Behaviour launched its Road Safety Signage initiative for GAA Club Grounds across Meath, in partnership with An Garda Síochána and Coiste na Mí.

The initiative, funded by Meath County Council's Joint Policing Committee, will be rolled out across the County with a number of GAA clubs supporting the placement of the safety signage on club grounds.

Other members of the subcommittee include Meath County Council's Road Safety Officer Michael Finnegan, Inspector Peter Gilsean, An Garda Síochána and a number of Meath County Council Councillors and Community Representatives.

Pictured L-R: Angie Mitchell, Meath County Council, Michael Finnegan, Meath County Council Road Safety Officer, John Kavanagh, Meath GAA County Board Chairman, Inspector Peter Gilsean, An Garda Síochána and Cllr. David Gilroy, Chairperson of Meath Joint Policing

Climate Action and Environment



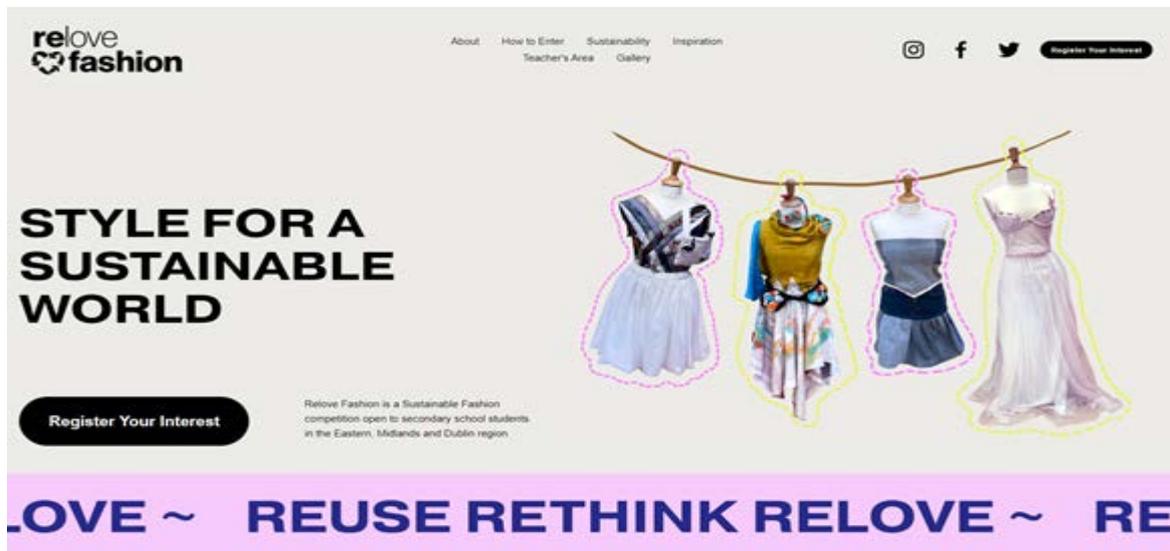
Schools Environmental Programme – Rubbish Film Festival

The Rubbish Film Festival has been launched for 2023/24. Fourteen Meath secondary schools have signed up (with a long waiting list). The TY students will learn ideas generation, script writing, rehearsing, filming, production and editing. They will have the opportunity to present their movie to an audience of their peers from schools across the country and a panel of expert judges at the Awards event in Spring.



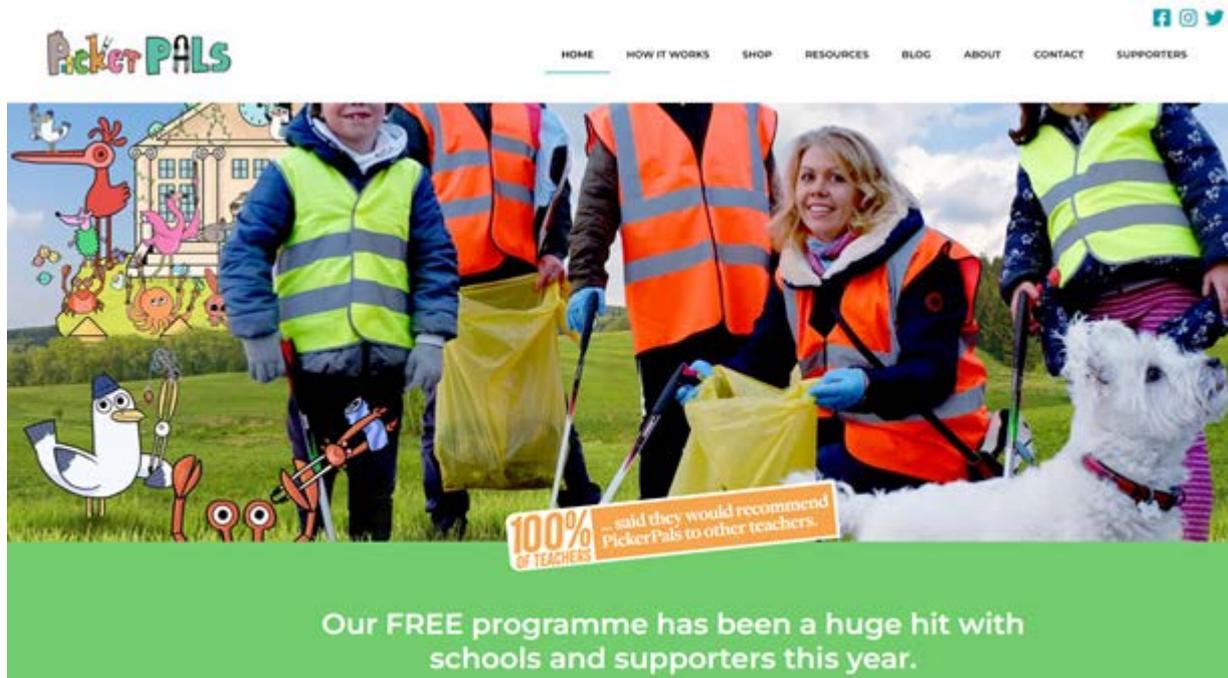
ReLove Fashion

The Fast Fashion Awareness Competition, a joint project between Local Authorities and The Rediscovery Centre launched in September. Schools in Meath will have the additional benefit of a Fast Fashion Workshop by Carrie Ann Moran, Circular Fashion Ireland. The project aims to encourage young people to look at their fashion choices and how they affect the environment with a view to developing more sustainable shopping and upcycling habits for clothes. The National Winner of the Competition in 2022 was Beth Brady from Mercy Navan.



Picker Pals

The Litter Awareness Workshops, in association with Voice Ireland, will begin in primary schools across the County in October. The popular workshops are fun, educational and interactive. They include activities that are carried out in the students homes, with their families and in the local community, carrying the anti litter message and activity far and wide.



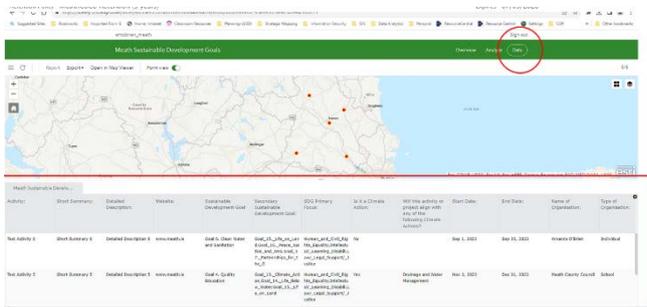
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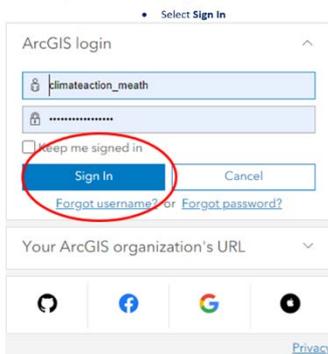
Draft Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 Consultation with Comhairle na nÓg

Meath County Council’s Climate Action Section gave a presentation on the draft Climate Action Plan and consulted Meath Comhairle na nÓg members on 9th September, 2023 to get their views on actions that are important to the youth of Co. Meath in respect of Climate Action and Mitigation.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) Week 2023: SDG Survey and Map



To coincide with the SDG Week 2023, Meath County Council has launched the SDG Survey & Map.



The SDG Survey & Map provides an opportunity for local community groups, NGO's, individuals, businesses, and schools to highlight how their endeavours link with and advance the SDGs. Groups and individuals can promote their contribution to the SDGs and inspire sustainability by accessing the survey on <https://www.meath.ie/council/council-services/environment/climate-action/sustainable-development-goals>



Water Quality - European Innovation Partnership

The Government has announced funding support of €60 million for the improvement of water quality at local, catchment and national levels.

Through a Water European Innovation Partnership (EIP) project, the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) with Teagasc and Dairy Industry Ireland (DII) will work with farmers on an individual basis to improve water quality. This will be achieved through the adoption of innovative practices in nutrient management, the application of nature-based Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) and other measures at farm level following the principles of Integrated Catchment Management. As an innovation partnership, measures will be designed and targeted specifically to address local challenges.

This is a collaborative approach between the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in partnership with industry. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, will support the project through the provision of technical assistance and funding of €50 million for participating farmers which is expected to target 15,000 farmers in priority areas nationally.

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 | | | |
| Archers View, Ashbourne | 74 | Q1 2024 | Q4 2025 |
| New Lane, Abbeylands, Navan | 6 | Q1 2024 | Q1 2025 |
| Church Street, Kells | 3 | Q12025 | Q1 2026 |
| Total | 83 | | |
| PLANNING LODGED WITH AN BORD PLEANALA | | | |
| Kells, Archdeaconry | 22 | Q3 2023** | Q4 2024** |
| Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells | 47 | Q3 2023** | Q2 2025** |
| SECTION 179A PLANNING PROCESS & DETAILED DESIGN | | | |
| Nangle Court, Navan | 12 | Q2 2024 | Q2 2025 |
| Church View, Rathmolyon | 22 | Q1 2024 | Q1 2025 |
| Haggard Street, Trim | 4 | Q1 2024 | Q1 2025 |
| Ratholdren Court, Navan | 27 | Q1 2024 | Q1 2025 |
| Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney | 2 | Q1 2024 | Q1 2025 |
| 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 |
| Newtown, Drumconrath | 1 | Q4 2023 | Q3 2024 |
| Connaught Grove | 47 | Q1 2024 | Q3 2025 |
| Total | 71 | | |
| 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 |
| St. Francis Park, Navan | 10 | Q4 2022 | Q1 2024 |
| Total | 238 | | |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 528 | | |

****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 | 8 |
| Bettystown | Part V | 8 |
| Drogheda | Part V | 8 |
| Dunshaughlin | Part V | 20 |
| Enfield | Part V | 7 |
| Kells | Part V | 5 |
| Kilmessan | Part V | 3 |
| Navan | Part V | 38 |
| Longwood | Part V | 3 |

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Rathmolyon | Part V | 1 |
| Slane | Part V | 6 |
| Stamullen | Part V | 2 |
| Trim | Part V | 4 |
| Kells | Turnkey | 15 |
| Bettystown | Turnkey | 76 |
| Navan | Turnkey | 4 |
| Drogheda | Turnkey | 30 |
| Kells | CAS | 2 |
| Total | | 244 |

46 of these units are scheduled for delivery in 2023.

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

| PROJECT NAME | PROJECT TYPE | NO. OF UNITS |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Drogheda | Part V | 11 |
| Dunshaughlin | Part V | 4 |
| Kells | Part V | 5 |
| Trim | Part V | 16 |
| Navan | Part V | 5 |
| Donacarney | Part V | 2 |
| Kilcock | Part V | 2 |
| Slane | Part V | 1 |
| Kells | Turnkey | 12 |
| Donacarney | Turnkey | 12 |
| Total | | 70 |

Affordable Housing

20 valid applicants have now been put forward to purchase the Affordable Properties in the Willows, Dunshaughlin.

A new Scheme of 26 Affordable Houses in Baker Hall, Navan was advertised on the 5th of September 2023. The Application portal will be open on the 27th of September 2023 to the 19th of October 2023.

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 well but has experienced a delay in the programme. The Scheme is now estimated for completion in Q1 2024.

Alverno Court Refurbishment:

- Phase 4 commenced on 16th June and includes 7nr. properties.
- Good progress is being made with the works on Phase 4 units.
- The new build units No. 79 & 80 Alverno Heights are complete.
- The final Phase 5 (not yet started) will consist of 6nr. properties.

Local Authority Adaptive Work Scheme (LAAWS)

- LAAWS grant funding of €580,970 including VAT has been approved for 2023.
- To date for 2023, 43nr. LAAWS are complete. Another 29nr. LAAWS are awarded to Contractors. Some further LAAWS may be awarded under 2023 budget; this will be based on medical priority and available funding.

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

496 Applications to the value of €3,367,577.08 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 15th September 2023. For the period from 20th August 2023 to 15th September 2023, works were completed on 8 vacant units, while 3 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 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Kells | 1 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Laytown/Bettystown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Navan | 11 | 9 | 1 | 16 | 5 |
| Ratoath | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Trim | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 21 | 24 | **4 | 34 | 15 |

**Note: Three 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 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 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 | 80 | | |

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 | 48 | 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 | 165 | | |

Leasing - (including Part V)

| 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 August 2023

| | SINGLE ADULTS/COUPLES | HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS |
|--|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Placements at 31 st of July (Previous Reported Figure) | 148 (160 adults) | 58 (95 adults 99 children) | 206 |
| Placements at 31 st of August | 148 (161 adults) | 65 (107 adults 113 children) | 213 |

Of the households with children, 56 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; house fire; 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 | 107 | - | - | - | 26 | 47 | 30 | 2 |
| Couples | 26 | - | - | - | 9 | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| Singles | 135 | - | - | - | 13 | 39 | 76 | 7 |
| Children | 113 | 32 | 37 | 39 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 381 | 32 | 37 | 39 | 48 | 93 | 114 | 11 |

- Families Adds to 105 - one couple refused to give details (included in 107 adults)
- Children Adds to 108 - 5 children of above couple (included in 113 children)

Families – 107 Adults includes 17 adult children

Adult children range from 18 - 23

Place finder 01/08/2023- 31/08/2023

| | |
|--|----------|
| Total | 8 |
| Exit from Emergency Accommodation | 5 |
| Homeless Prevention | 3 |

Tenant Liaison Team August 2023

| Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation | Complaints | Cases |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| Frequent serious disturbances | 59 | 30 |
| Occupancy of Dwelling | 25 | 18 |
| Garden upkeep/Maintenance | 27 | 17 |
| Dog/Horse/ Pet Control | 2 | 2 |
| Total Received 01/08/2023- 31/08/2023 | 113 | 67 |

Standards in Rented Accommodation

3,242 Inspections were carried out on rented properties in Meath up to the end of August 2023. Of these 818 were first inspections, 57 properties passed after their first inspection and 562 properties in total passed the minimum standards during that time period. Subsequent follow up inspections will be carried out to ensure compliance.

Social Housing Supports

- 733 applications for Social Housing Support were received for the period January 1st to 31st August 2023. 482 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 August 2023

| Allocations/Housing Supports | Number |
|--|--------|
| MCC Direct Allocations | 227 |
| Transfers | 17 |
| Approved Housing Bodies | 221 |
| Rental Accommodation Scheme | |
| Housing Assistance Payment | 261 |
| Long term Leasing | |
| Mortgage To Rent (Approved Housing Bodies) | |
| AHB CALF Acquisition | |
| TOTAL | 726 |

Choice Based Lettings Advertised up to 31st August 2023

| No. of Bed rooms | Ashbourne MD No. of properties | Laytown/ Bettystown MD No. of properties | Kells MD No. of properties | Navan MD No. of properties | Ratoath MD No. of properties | Trim MD No. of properties |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 16 |
| 4 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Total | 0 | 3 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 19 |

Community Development



Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The last LCDC meeting was held on Friday, 22nd September 2023. The next LCDC meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 20th October 2023.

LEADER Programme 2014-2022

The last LAG meeting was held on Friday, 22nd September 2023 with the next meeting to take place on Friday 20th October 2023.

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

Healthy Ireland / Healthy Meath

The Meath LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subgroup Meeting took place on the 19th of September. Healthy Meath launched its Chronic Disease Risk Management Programme on the 23rd of August providing free health checks in 2 pharmacies in Kells and 1 in Oldcastle. The Meath Mental Wellbeing Network and Ambassador programme has over 70 groups signed up and will launch on World Mental Health Day on the 10th of October. Healthy Meath in collaboration with Prosper Meath and Comhairle na nÓg completed a workshop and production of a positive mental health video which will be launched at the Comhairle na nÓg AGM on October 26th. The September / October edition of the Healthy Meath Newsletter was published.

Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg started an international collaboration with Youth Council Raekensbaer in Iceland and welcomed a group from this Council for a week long trip to Ireland in August. As part of their visit, they came to Buvinda House where they learned about local government in Meath.

Pride of Place Initiative

The following awards nights are scheduled to take place:

Kells MD Tuesday 10th October in The Headfort Arms Hotel

Navan MD Thursday 12th October in The Newgrange Hotel

Ratoath MD Tuesday 17th October in Dunboyne Castle Hotel

Trim MD Wednesday 18th October in Trim Castle Hotel

Laytown/Bettystown MD Tuesday 24th October in The Village Hotel, Bettystown

Ashbourne MD Thursday 26th October in The Pillo Hotel, Ashbourne

The final will be held on Thursday 23rd November in The Ardboyne Hotel.

Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place awards

The Gala Dinner & Gala Award Ceremony 2023 will take place on Friday 10th November in Armagh City Hotel hosted by Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council. The nominated groups 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 annual Indaver Awards night took place in Duleek on 28th September.

Meath Age Friendly

Fáilte Isteach, an initiative of Third Age involving predominantly older volunteers welcoming migrants to the community through conversational English classes and integration needs of migrants, IPAs and refugees has been shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2023. The Awards will be held in Whyte's Hotel in Wexford on the 30th November 2023.

Joint Migrant Integration Forum

The Joint Migrant Integration Forum are hosting a joint migrant support event on 18th in the Glenside Hotel, in Drogheda. 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 Joint Policing Committee Annual Public meeting took place on 21st September in The Village Hotel, Bettystown. The next Joint Policing Committee meeting is scheduled for 11th December.

Public Participation Network

Leadership Training workshops were held in Ballinlough and Dunshaughlin to support over 40 volunteers in their community groups.

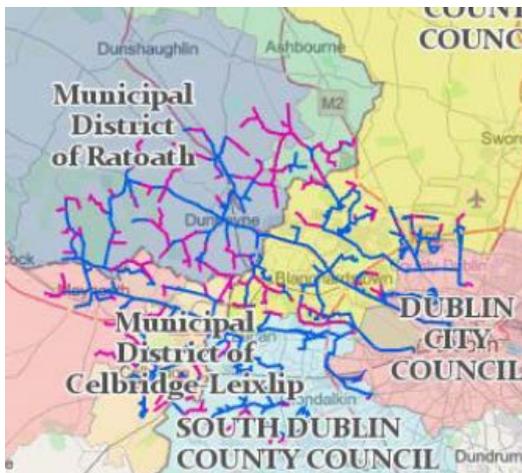
Currently in the process of seeking facilitators to support the development of the PPN linkage groups from where SPC reps for vacant positions will be selected by the PPN groups.

A range of policies and procedures have been agreed by the Secretariat to go forward for ratification of PPN membership at the next Plenary.

590 groups are registered with Meath PPN.

National Broadband Plan

Works continued to be delivered in 8 Deployment areas in September with NBI continuing their deployment in Donadea (564 premises), Dunboyne (769), and Kilnaleck(157), Lusk (95) areas of Co. Meath.



Updated deployment statistics can be found at <https://nbi.ie/where-are-we-working/> and selecting Meath in the dropdown Menu. As of COB **15.09.2023** there were:

Drogheda DA - 702 Active Connections with Meath Eircodes; 80 Connections Pending; 326 Pre-Orders

Skerries DA - 13 Active Connections with Meath Eircodes; 2 Connections Pending

Delvin DA - 149 Active Connections; 21 Connections Pending; 107 Pre-Orders

Meath Profile:

of premises: 21,889

of premises passed and available to order: 3,415 (16%)

of premises in active build: 8,893 (41%)

Microsoft Dream Space

Cannistown NS (below) and Skyrne NS were invited to taster sessions in Bective GAA one of the County's Broadband Connection Points on the 11th September. Cathaoirleach Tommy Reilly also welcomed teachers from other schools to a briefing session on the Microsoft Dream Space programme which teaches National School Children to develop coding skills to build games and devices using the Micro:Bit processor units. The schools also heard about the OurKidsCode club initiative to develop coding clubs across the county. Schools and clubs will be challenged to develop projects to enter a County and National Coding showcase in May/June 2024.



Libraries Services



Social Investment Fund

The Housing Finance Agency (HFA) is committed to contributing towards the social and economic fabric of communities through sponsorship of initiatives delivered by our customers. Through the Social Investment Fund, the HFA supports local projects that complement housing schemes and nurture community development. Funding of up to €250,000 per annum has been made available, with a maximum limit of €30,000 (excluding VAT) for any one application.

Meath County Council Library service in partnership with the Community section has applied for funding to deliver a 'Magic Table' and contribute towards pre-school/after-school learning resource materials in the 'Unity Centre', Navan.

If approved, it will be possible to deliver the project in full by December 2023. The quick turnaround is possible as the local authority will be using existing procured suppliers for both the 'Magic Table' and sensory resources.

The ongoing maintenance of the 'Magic Table' will be managed by HomeCare Medical, Ireland who maintain the 'Magic Tables' at 12 branch libraries around the county.

If successful, the local authority library service will be able to enhance the lives of children with additional needs. These vulnerable children live outside walking distance of the local library and as residents of a 'disadvantaged area' they are not in a position to avail of mainstream library services.

Citizen Science Kit Pilot Programme

Meath County Council Library service has signed up to the Citizen Science Kit Pilot Programme, an initiative that will empower the public to collect information about biodiversity in their local area. Through the programme, and in partnership with Meath Heritage Office, people can now access specialised equipment in selected branch library services around the county and collect valuable data by using the kit which includes nets, magnifying glasses, and swatches to help identify species.

The initiative is designed to assist an increasingly engaged public, many of whom are eager to contribute to the preservation of our biodiversity but who lack the tools to do so.

It is expected that the kits will be used by students looking to conduct their own studies, amateur ecologists wishing to produce their own biodiversity action plans and by community groups such as Tidy Towns, River Trusts and Field Clubs who want to gather information to bolster local built is accepted that local libraries play a fundamental role in providing a space for people to access information and acquire knowledge so with this in mind the idea of making citizen science kits and information available via their public libraries is wholly appropriate.

The kits are free to loan but anyone wishing to borrow a kit must be an adult member of the relevant library service. Species records should be sent to Ireland's National Biodiversity Data Centre.

Healthy Ireland at your Library

The *Healthy Ireland at your Library* programme looks to complement, support, and expand existing programmes in the community under the Healthy Ireland national framework and to be fully consistent with Healthy Ireland's whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to improving health and wellbeing and the quality of people's lives.

Healthy Ireland at your Library is delivered through a national framework managed by Libraries Development, Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and local authorities and supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Health. The framework implements and maintains standardised services and supportive environments to individuals and communities to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Ireland at all life stages.

The *Healthy Ireland at your Library* programme was implemented in autumn 2017. Development of the programme is a key action of the new national public library strategy 2023 – 2027, *The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration*.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library: Four Service Elements, providing the following services/resources.

1. Infrastructure – physical and technical facilities
2. Health Information Resources – hard copy and online
3. Expertise – staff knowledge of health information resources
4. Events and Programming

DRCD has approved €100,000 of funding available in the amount of **€3,300 per local authority** as a contribution to support the public libraries delivery of Healthy Ireland and other library services to the public in line with public health recommendations. This funding will be provided for resources and equipment such as:

Following on from this announcement it is proposed to introduce a Healthy Ireland chill out and information zone in Ashbourne Library.

The focus is on providing a new and inviting Healthy Ireland area in the branch where library users can relax, research, and read.

The proposed chill out zone will include two armchairs, a coffee table and one tall display unit on which books, leaflets and event information can be displayed.

The inclusion of face out display on the unit will ensure that library staff can draw attention to new or topical HI reading material leaflets. It will also allow the display of A4 posters to highlight and promote Healthy Ireland events taking place around the county.

Transportation Services



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

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| <p>N51 Dunmoe Phase 2</p> <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 |
| <p>N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Draft of EIAR and CPO documents are being finalised to be lodged with An Bord Pleanála |
| <p>N52 Grange to Clontail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanála have on this CPO . |
| <p>N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon</p> <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 commenced in August 2023 |
| <p>National Road Resurfacing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N52 Reask to Carlanastown – resurfacing contract commenced • N51 Slane to County Boundary resurfacing contractor appointed |

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

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

Road Works Programme

The following works commenced in each MD since the last meeting;

Ashbourne MD:

- R-108 Hodgestown Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)
- L-1620-0 Gormanstown Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)

Laytown-Betteystown MD:

- L-1616-12 Army Camp Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)
- L-5610-10 Longford Rd Duleek Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-1600-0 Seneschalstown Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)
- L-1602-0 Cooksgrove Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)

Kells MD:

- L-6836-0 Volvenstown Restoration Improvement (Recycle, Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-8006-8 Higginstown Restoration Improvement (Recycle, Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-68082-0 Moat Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-6834-12 Kilskeer Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-74162 Scottown Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)
- L-4025-12 Jordanstown Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)

Navan MD

- L-74163 Craigs Lane Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)
- L-3400-6 Ardmulchan Restoration Maintenance (Surface Dressing)

Ratoath MD:

- R-147 Dunshaughlin (night works) Restoration Improvement (CI942/HRA)

Trim MD:

- R-154-3 Friaryland Restoration Improvement (NIGHT WORK)
- L-62251-0 Rathcore Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-6225-18 Rathcore Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-62261-11 Rathcore Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-4016-2 Kilmur (Recycle, Overlay & Surface Dressing)
- L-6223-0 Coole Restoration Improvement (Overlay & Surface Dressing)

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Works complete at Halltown, Navan.

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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 |
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| 2023 schemes – discussions and design works ongoing |

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

| 2023 DoT Schemes | |
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| 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 | Works commenced |
| Obelisk Bridge, Oldbridge | Works commences in conjunction with Louth Co Co |

2.(e) Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works – Allocation for 2023 schemes - €532,500 – 7 schemes funded :

L-80045 Church Street Athboy – Design completed, propose to include construction works with Athboy Bus Stop facility.

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

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| <p>Navan Town Scheme (Navan 2030) –</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving works to front of the new substation at Kennedy Plaza are now 80% complete. • Paving works from plaza car park entrance to the Credit Union completed. • Road surfacing works on Kennedy Road were completed from plaza car park to Post Office . • New flowerbeds adjacent to site of old St Lurance Hotel and Eddie Rockets were landscaping. • Consultation with business owners on Trimgate Street and Market Square continuing. • New pedestrian crossing in Kennedy Plaza completed. • Paving works at corner of Kennedy Road/Trimgate Street adjacent to Little Chislars completed. • Paving works adjacent to Tierneys Newsagents completed.. • New pedestrian crossing at AIB to Tierneys completed. • Watermain works from Market Square/Kennedy Road junction to Trimgate Street commenced. • Paving works, including new kerbing and services, from Tierneys Newsagents, past the entrance to the ZipYard, and towards the Central have commenced. |
| <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"> • New concrete kerbing installed on eastern side of Railway Street. • New boundary wall constructed on the eastern side Railway Street to the County Hall car park, Bus Station/Depot, and the railway crossing. • Works at Flowerfield School completed in advance of school reopening. • New foundations for overhead ESB poles installed adjacent to Connolly Avenue. • Cladding to re-aligned wall at the Solstice Arts Centre completed and paving works to the upper plaza area completed. • Earthworks along Connolly Avenue completed. • Drainage works on Trim Road adjacent to Connolly Avenue commenced. <p>Temporary Traffic Management plan and diversion route in place on Trim Road from Carriage Road to Dan Shaw Road, and is reported to be operating satisfactorily.</p> |
| <p>Navan GDA Cycle Network: Fairgreen to Johnstown</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant/Designers continuing with Detailed Design of cycle and pedestrian scheme from Solstice roundabout to R147 (Circular Road) to link with the Athlumney Road (R153 – Cantilevered Bridge). |

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| <p>Navan GDA Cycle Network – NA1: R147 Martha’s Bridge to Circular Road</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants working on Phase 5 Detailed Design process. • Consultant is reviewing data from the recently completed pavement surveys and ground investigation works to inform the design process. • Contractor for Sewer CCTV has completed the survey works. • Contractor for site investigations works appointed and to commence works next month. • Communications ongoing with affected landowners with respect to potential land acquisition. |
| <p>Navan GDA Cycle Network - NA1: R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender process completed and a Successful Tenderer identified. • Tender appointment process on hold pending on approval from NTA to progress the Scheme to detailed design phase. |
| <p>Navan GDA Cycle Network: Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants continuing design work associated with Phase 2 - Concept Development & Option Selection. • Preparations are ongoing for a non-statutory consultation of an emerging preferred option to stakeholders ahead of the Statutory process. • Options, to include a route on the N51, are currently being prepared. |
| <p>Navan Public Realm – Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design works continuing in relation design elements and stakeholder impacts. • Meeting held with Kerry County Council on their recent experience on a similar scheme in Tralee. |
| <p>Navan Public Realm: Academy Street Upgrade</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design work continuing on the potential options, including the proposed upgrade of the Academy Street/R147 junction. |
| <p>Convent Road to Metges Road & Trim Road; Beechmount to Balreask Manor Active Travel Schemes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultants continuing with the Option Selection process for the section of Trim Road from Beechmount Estate to Balreask Manor, and the section from Convent Road to Metges Road. |
| <p>Ratoath Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCC completed review of final tender documents, awaiting consultant to update tender documents which will then be issued to the NTA for approval. |
| <p>N51 Park & Ride</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final elements (cctv system, parking meters) installed and commissioned. • Signage installed. • Works to N51/L3416 junction completed. • Works to the proposed new pedestrian crossing on the N51 adjacent to the roundabout junction at the R147/N51 (‘Woodies roundabout’) commenced |
| <p>Bus Shelter Enabling Works</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stop works in Ratoath completed. Preparing final account. |

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| Accessible Bus Stops Works | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stop works in Trim completed. Preparing final account. |
| Dunboyne to Clonee Pedestrian and Cycle Network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route Option Selection Report workshopped between MCC and Atkins Atkins updating report with MCC comments. MCC to arrange work shop with NTA. |
| Safe Routes to Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction works well progressed at Realt Na Mara Donacarney, SN Pheadair agus Phoil Drumconrath and Ashbourne Community schools. |
| Eastham Road Cycle Facilities, Bettystown | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing Preliminary Design including extensive local liaison with stakeholders (Landowners Residents, Gardaí, etc) and preparing for Part 8 Planning application. |
| Newtown Road Trim Walking Facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Design complete, progressing land acquisition agreements and final preparation for Part 8 planning application. |
| Greenogue Bus Stop (on R125) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design works well progressed and preparing documentation and plans for Part 8 planning application. |
| Donacarney Footpath and Cycleway Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor has progressed well despite some severe adverse weather in early and late August. The R150 road has re-opened and works to be complete later this year. |

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

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| 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 Rath Lodge, 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 5 weeks works remaining • Nobber to Kingscourt Nobber to Kilmainhamwood scheduled for completion on 6th October 2023 Kilmainhamwood to Poles Cross 80% complete. Poles Cross to Kingscourt 60% complete |
| 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 |
| Kilberry Looped Walking Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Transportation progressing this project on behalf of Community Section.</i> Contractor has commenced works on the Kilberry-Slane Road, R163 and progressing well. |

5. Other Actions/ Projects

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| <p>Housing Estate Road Surfacing</p> | <p>Navan MD: Contractor completed works in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moatville • St. Brigid's Villa, • St. Columbus Terrace • Beechmount Lawns and • Athlumney Village |
| <p>Oldcastle Public Realm Scheme</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest date for Part 8 submissions was Thursday 31st August 2023. Screening determination referred to An Bord Pleanna. Part 8 process stalled as a result. Further information sought by ABP, due for submission on 5th October. |
| <p>LDR4 Abbeylands Navan – New road from Kells road to Ratholdren Road</p> | <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. |
| <p>Traffic Calming Ramps</p> | <p>Works substantially completed at the following sites</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). <p>One additional site added - Castletown</p> |
| <p>Footpath Rehabilitation Programme</p> | <p>Footpath works completed at Blackastle Navan and Frayne Road Athboy. Pedestrian crossing underway at Northlands and Golf Links Road, Bettystown.</p> |

Planning and Development



1. Planning Applications (Section 34)

1174 planning applications were lodged in the period 01.01.2023 to 15.09.2023. This is compared to 1216 in the same period in 2022.

2. Commencement Notices

467 valid commencement notices were received in the period 01/01/2023 to 15/09/2023. This is compared to 453 in the same period in the previous year.

The commencement notices can be broken down as follows:

| Development Type | Number |
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| One-Off House | 190 |
| Multi-Units | 791** (units) |
| Extensions | 92 |
| Other* | 53 |

* Agricultural, Commercial, Recreational etc

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

3. Development Contributions (Section 48)

Development Contribution receipts up to 31st August 2023 show a collection of €5,493,639. This is compared to €10,426,300 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. There are 443 units to date eligible for this Scheme, totalling €3,053,790. The first claim was submitted to the Department on 15th September 2023. (MCC can only recoup the waived contribution on receipt of a signed and witnessed undertaking from each applicant, and is currently in the process of chasing these up for inclusion in the October claim).

The new Development Contribution Scheme is currently on public display, submissions will be accepted up to and including Wednesday 18th October, 2023. A report will then be prepared for the November Council Meeting.

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

100 planning enforcement cases have been opened to 15.09.2023

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| New Cases to be Investigated | 14 |
| Warning Letter | 58 |
| Enforcement Notice | 5 |
| Referred for Legal Proceedings | 1 |
| Closed | 22 |

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

Economic Development



Grants Approved and Training

| Grant Approved/Mentoring Sessions/Training | Number |
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| Measure 1 Grant Approvals | 1 |
| Trading Online Voucher Approval | 2 |
| Mentoring Assignments Approved | 10 |
| Attended Online Training Courses | 58 |
| Attended Women in Business and Technology Event | 23 |
| LEAN for Micro Applications | 1 |

The first meeting of the Meath Economic Development Forum is taking place on Thursday 28th September.

The Forum will provide guidance on how to progress the aims of the Economic Development Roadmap and assist with the preparation and direction of the next strategy document.

The Planning & Economic Development teams are producing a Strategic Employment Sites Brochure as well as other promotional materials, to market Meath to potential investors and assist them 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. These materials will be launched in Quarter 4, 2023.

Tourism



Boyne Valley Tourism Strategy 2024-2030 Consultation

Consultation on the new 7-year tourism strategy commenced during September with consultation with the tourism industry involved three sessions, two of which were in person on September 14th at the Ardboyne Hotel and Monasterboice Inn and a further online session takes place on September 26th. Elected members and community groups will be invited to give their input into the strategy on October 6th. You can register in advance at info@discoverboynevalley.ie.

The new 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 celebrated its 30-year anniversary since its foundation with over 100 people from the tourism industry, Meath and Louth County Councils, past Chairpersons and former staff in attendance. Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, Cllr. Aisling Dempsey, Chairperson Boyne Valley Tourism, Fiona Lawless, Chief Executive Meath County Council and Ross Kenny, Vice Chair Boyne Valley Tourism and Boyne Boats.

Mary Lydon and John V Farrelly were presented with a Certificate of Longstanding Contribution to Tourism.



Meath County Council hosted a stand at the European Commission Open Day

A number of stands were hosted by Meath County Council at the European Commission Open Day at Grange on Saturday 2nd September including Climate Action, Boyne valley Tourism, Boyne Valley Flavours and Puca Festival. There were 1400 people in attendance at the family open day. The European Commission DG SANTE's Directorate F (Health and Food Safety) is based in Grange near Trim and is responsible for monitoring food to ensure it is safe while also protecting European citizens' health.

Púca Halloween Festival

With over 36,000 visitors attracted to the festival in 2022, which drove over €3mn in economic value for the local and national economy, organisers are busy planning the biggest and best Púca Festival yet. This year's festival boasts reimagined spectacles, alongside contemporary entertainment, and a host of events for all ages.

NEW Opening Procession: 'Samhain Night Between The Years', Trim (Saturday, 28th October 2023)

Visitors to the festival can expect to be enthralled as the traditional story of the veil between worlds is creatively told during the new opening procession '**Samhain Night Between The Years**'. This all-new procession will blend outdoor theatre, street performance, and traditional music in a wild celebration of Samhain lore, nature, ancestry, and the looming darkness.

NEW Closing ceremony: 'An Lasadh Suas', Athboy (Tuesday, 31st October 2023)

As the sun sets and the ceremonial fire is lit at Tlachtga (the Hill of Ward) on Halloween night, festival goers will gather at the Fair Green in Athboy. The flame procession will carry the honorary Tlachtga flame, the fire to light us up through the dark season ahead.

Trim, Co. Meath

Five supernatural nights of music, comedy and Halloween spectacle will take place in the heritage town of **Trim** and its stunning castle grounds, including the opening procession to officially kick off the festival. Venues will include The Púca Big Top, The Swift Cultural Centre, Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim Castle Hotel, Castle Arch Hotel, and Brogan's Bar & Hotel.

Athboy, Co. Meath

The Púca Festival town of Athboy is an important hub of Halloween tradition, with ancient manuscripts telling us that Tlachtga or The Hill of Ward was a site of great Samhain gathering. Venues will include the Fair Green and Darnley Lodge Hotel.

PÚCA FESTIVAL TRANSPORT

While Trim and Athboy are serviced by a strong public transport network, several extra services will be added to bring visitors from Dublin, Drogheda, Navan, Mullingar and Kells, in addition to a regular shuttle bus running between Trim and Athboy, as well as late night buses from the two hubs.

Finance



Housing Loans :

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| RIHL/LAHL Data 1st January 2023 to 20th September 2023 | | |
| Fully Completed Applications Received | 47 | |
| Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters) | 1 | Relates to 2023 application |
| Awaiting Further Information from applicants | 5 | Relates to 2023 applications |
| Approved by Credit Committee | 46 | 33 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 | 16 | 13 relate to 2023, 3 relate to 2022 applications |
| Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee | 0 | |
| Active Approvals | 29.25 | 28 relate to 2023, 1.17 relates to 2022, 0.08 relates to 2021 |
| Expired | 25 | 24 relate to 2022 & 1 relates to 2023 |
| Drawdown by Customer | 23.61 | 12 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 20th September 2023 and in some cases relate to applications from 2022. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases.