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Meath County Council 2019 - 2024 Progress Report





Spire of Lloyd, Kells

Foreword

by Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe



It is my privilege to introduce the Council Progress Report for the period 2019 – 2024. This document provides a comprehensive overview of the significant accomplishments achieved by Meath County Council over the last five years and showcases our commitment to excellence and community development.

The achievements documented in this report span a wide range of initiatives, each reflecting the Council's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our communities. From groundbreaking infrastructure projects and environmental stewardship efforts to innovative social programmes and economic development strategies, these accomplishments underscore our holistic approach to community development. They also highlight the Council's agility in responding to emerging needs and opportunities, as illustrated by our responses to the recent Covid-19 pandemic and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Central to our success has been the interdependent relationship between the Executive and the Elected Members. This partnership, rooted in a shared vision and a commitment to the public good, has been the cornerstone of our approach to governance and I look forward to continuing this relationship with the new Council over the next five years. In this light, we remember our friend and colleague Councillor Damien O'Reilly, who passed away in September 2023, for his invaluable contributions to our council and community.

There are many challenges ahead as we look forward to the next five years. Our commitment to Economic Development is unwavering and I look forward to the development of a Centre of Excellence for Economic Development that will serve as a central point for encouraging investment in our county and provide support to our indigenous industries. Alongside these economic objectives, we are equally committed to delivering on our climate action targets. Our obligations to our core functions including housing and transport remain steadfast and we will work with all stakeholders in the delivery of Navan Rail Line.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have played a part in achieving the accomplishments outlined in this report. I would especially like to pay tribute to my predecessors, Ms. Fiona Lawless and Ms. Jackie Maguire, for their significant contributions. To the Elected Members, the management team, council staff, and the countless individuals and organisations who have partnered with us along the way: your passion, your vision, and your hard work have made all the difference.



Bective Abbey

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Corporate Affairs and Governance

Meath County Council Cathaoirligh 2019 - 2024



Cllr. Wayne Harding
2019 - 2020



Cllr. David Gilroy
2020 - 2021



Cllr. Sean Drew
2021 - 2022



Cllr. Nick Killian
2022 - 2023



Cllr. Tommy Reilly
2023 - 2024

Statutory Council Meetings Held over the Council Term

Ordinary Monthly Meetings	48	Ashbourne MD	62
Annual & Budget Meetings	15	Kells MD	63
Special Meetings	6	Laytown-Bettystown MD	62
Special Planning Meetings	33	Navan MD	62
Protocol	43	Ratoath MD	64
Corporate Policy Group	57	Trim MD	63
Local Community Development Committee	45	Joint Policing Committee	16
SPC (i) Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services (ii) Transportation (iii) Housing, Community & Cultural Development (iv) Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs			61



Ministerial Visits





Knowth, Brú na Bóinne

Revenue & Capital Budget 2019 to 2024

Expenditure €1.42bn

Housing €577m

Maintenance & Improvements of LA Housing Units, RAS & Leasing, Housing Loans & Housing Grants



Transportation

Road Maintenance & Improvements, Public Lighting, Car Parking and Road Safety **€390m**

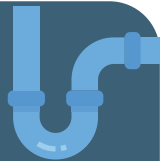


Development Mgt. €119m

Planning, Community, Economic Development & Tourism



Water Services €57m



Recreation & Amenity €79m

Miscellaneous Services €97m

Customer and Corporate Services, Communications, Facilities, Health and Safety



Environmental Services €94m



Agriculture & Welfare €7m



Housing

€577m

spent on
Housing

2,252

Additional
Homes
Provided



5,498

Housing
Allocations
Provided

Publications

- Housing Delivery Action Plan
- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024
- Housing Allocations Scheme
- Affordable Housing Scheme
- Mid East Region Homeless Action Plan



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Tenant Handbook

Meath County Council Welcomes
You to Your New Home



Housing Supports

- Managed 24,529 maintenance requests
- Undertook 9,324 private rented inspections
- Approved 2,149 private housing grants
- Awarded 203 housing loans
- Provided 1,447 tenants with pre-tenancy training

943 Homes provided by Meath County Council

370

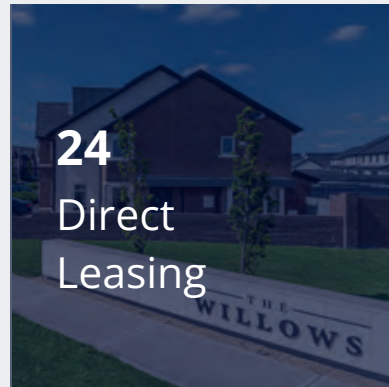
Direct
Construction

397

Part V
Social Housing
Delivery

24

Direct
Leasing



152

Acquisitions

1,309 Homes provided through Approved Housing Bodies

902

Turnkey and
Acquisitions

138

Part V
Social Housing

243

Leasing
including
Mortgage to
Rent

26

Capital
Assistance
Scheme



5,498 Housing Allocations

1,461

Direct to
Council Stock

1,208

to Approved
Housing Bodies
Stocks

2,735

to HAP
properties

94

RAS, Leasing
Mortgage to
Rent



Home Ownership

70

Direct Sale
Affordable
Purchase

44

Tenant
Purchase



10

LIHAF
Cost Reduced

Transportation

€390m
spent on
Transportation

Road Restoration: 1,117km



Surface Dressing
594km



Improvement Schemes
453km



CIS/LIS
70km



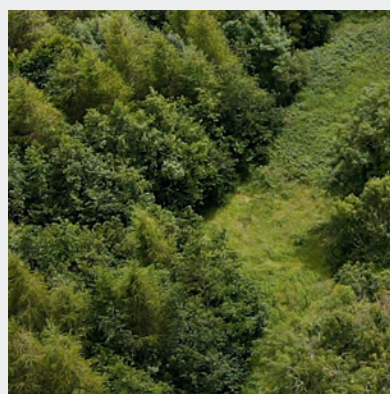
62km
Greenways &
Cycle Lanes
Constructed

25 Schools
Safe Routes to
School
Measures



60km
Greenways &
Cycle Lanes
Planned/
Designed

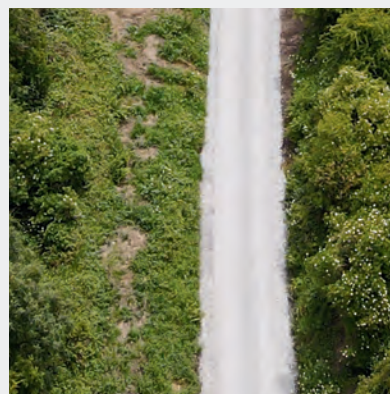
210 Spaces
Park and
Ride



30km
Footpath
Upgrades

34 Schemes
Low Cost
Safety
Schemes

**102 bus
stops**
New &
Upgraded Bus
Stops



39 Bridges
Bridge
Repairs

To deliver a revitalised and accessible town centre, making Navan a better place to live, work and visit.



**Athlumney Road
Cantilevered
Bridge**

**Railway
Street**



**Abbey
Road**

**Kennedy Road
and
Kennedy Plaza**



**Market
Square**

**N51 Park
and Ride
Facility**



**Bridge
Street**

**Ludlow
Street**



**Trim
Road**



**410,000
passengers**
**Navan Town
Bus Service**

Community

€79m
spent on
Recreation &
Amenity

€19.5m

Total Grant
Funding over five
years supporting
8,029 Recipients

€3.4m

Community
Grants
4,657 Recipients

€2.3m

ORIS
24 Recipients

€3m

Town & Village
Renewal
30 Recipients

€6.1m

LEADER
Programme
114 Recipients

€2.1m

SICAP
2,524
Recipients

€489k

Covid
Supports
194 Recipients

€848k

Community
Enhancement
250 Recipients

€308k

Community
Support Fund
214 Recipients

€817k

CLÁR Scheme
22 Recipients

Publications

- Local Economic and Community Plan
- Meath Age Friendly Strategy
- Community CCTV policy
- Joint Policing Strategy
- Healthy Ireland Meath Strategy



New Burial Grounds



Library Services

Facility Upgrades

- Nobber
- Kells
- Oldcastle
- Ashbourne

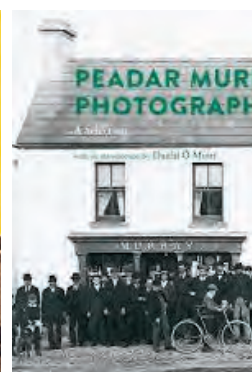
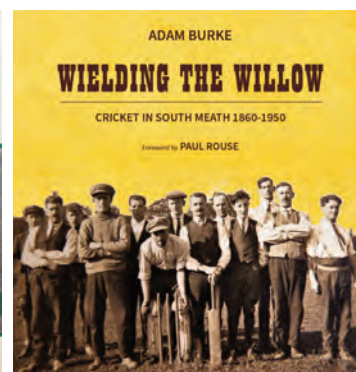
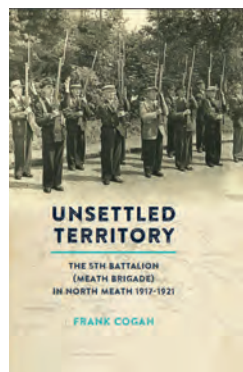
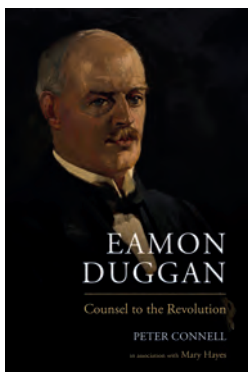


New Library Facilities

- Trim
- Bettystown
- Enfield
- Ballivor



Decade of Centenaries



Development Management

€119m
spent on
Development Management

9,822
Planning applications processed

78
Housing Estates 'Taken in Charge'



7,601
Commencement notices received



65%
e-Planning uptake

25,782
2016 - 2023
Population growth in Meath

256
Number of
Heritage related projects delivered

Development Management Publications

- Meath County Development Plan 2021 – 2027
- Navan 2050 Vision Plan
- Meath Economic Development Roadmap 2023
- Meath Development Contribution Scheme 2024-2029
- Meath Heritage Strategy 2024 – 2030
- Meath Strategic Employment Sites Brochure




Public Realm Plans Completed

Athboy Public Realm Plan | Flower Hill Urban Design Plan | Laytown and Bettystown Public Realm Plan | Oldcastle Public Realm Plan | Slane Public Realm Plan

Economic Development



<p>13,438 2016 - 2023 Jobs growth within Meath</p>	<p>55,195 Number of jobs in Meath</p>	<p>59.3% Highest percentage of population of work in Ireland</p>	<p>4% Reduction in outbound commuting</p>
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<p>18 Hubs with high speed connectivity for public use</p>	<p>84% Homes in Meath with Broadband</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kells • Ashbourne • Navan • Ratoath • Dunshaughlin • Oldcastle
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Local Enterprise Office

 <p>SMALL CHANGES. BIG IMPACT.</p>	<p>9,316 Total number of people who attended training</p>	<p>€3.8m Business grants allocated</p>	<p>46 Networking events organised</p>
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Tourism Development

<p>98,000 Visitors to the Púca Halloween Festival</p>		 <p>New Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kells Courthouse Tourism and Cultural Hub • Spire of Lloyd • Porchfields • Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway
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Climate Action & Environment

€94m
spent on
Climate Action
& Environment



10
EV Charging
Points

345
Solar Panels
on Council
Offices



167
Meath County
Council
Housing
Retrofits

30
Sustainable
Energy
Communities



350
Home Energy
Kits borrowed
by the public

Publications

- Climate Action Plan
- Litter Management Plan
- Beach Management Plan
- Waste Management Plan



30,000
Saplings
Planted



49
Anti-
Dumping
Projects

325
Green KM
Scheme
Groups

**15,930
Tonnes**
Glass & Cans
collected from 29
Bring Banks

**28,000
Tonnes**
Recycling collected
from 3 Civic
Amenity Sites



**1,575
Tonnes**
Bulky Waste
collected during
free drop off days

Age Friendly Programme

83
people employed
directly in the Age
Friendly shared
service



Meath County Council's Age friendly Programme led Ireland to be the first country in the world to be fully affiliated to the WHO Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Key Achievements since 2019 include:

Citizen Voice

Maintenance and development of Older People's Councils

Age Friendly Towns

Development of Age Friendly Towns around the country



Large Scale Demonstration Projects

Age Friendly Projects (Stadium, Train Station, Tourism, Airport, PCC, Hospital)

Age Friendly public realm projects

Car parking, bus shelters, seating



Information Initiatives

Expos & Roadshows to reach older people in all communities

Initiatives

Range of intergenerational, cultural, safety, health & wellbeing initiatives delivered in all areas

Miscellaneous Services

€97m
spent on
Miscellaneous
Services

Workforce

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
843	856	879	912	940

Corporate Affairs and Governance

700
Statutory
Meetings



24,279
Reps by
Elected
Members

102%
Total increase
in Social Media
followers

Finance

91%
Motor Tax
payments
online

87%
Rents
received

96%
Rates
collected

€50m
Covid business
supports
processed

Emergency Services



5,995
Incident
Responses by
the Fire Service



Covid Community
Response


Ukrainian
Humanitarian
Response

Upcoming Projects 2024 Onwards

Housing

47 Homes Carrick Street, Kells	47 Homes Connaught Grove Phase 2, Athboy	27 Homes Ratholdren Court, Navan	22 Homes Church View, Rathmolyon
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Transport

Kells Road to Windtown Road, Navan	Ratoath Outer Relief Road, Phase 2	 SLANE BYPASS & PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME	Boyne Greenway - Oldbridge to Navan
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Community

Ashbourne Park	 Stamullen Burial Ground	Dunshaughlin Courthouse	Spicers / Andy Brennan Park
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Other Projects

Economic Development Centre of Excellence	Council Facilities Energy Retrofits	Council Chamber	Ratoath Town Centre - Community Lands
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YOUR CURRENT COUNCILLORS

ASHBOURNE



Joe Bonner
Non-Party



Suzanne Jamal
Fine Gael



Helen Meyer
Sinn Féin



Alan Tobin
Fine Gael



Conor Tormey
Fianna Fáil



Amanda Smith
Non-Party

KELLS



Mike Bray
Fianna Fáil



Eugene Cassidy
Fine Gael



Sean Drew
Fianna Fáil



Michael Gallagher
Sinn Féin



David Gilroy
Non-Party



Paul McCabe
Fianna Fáil



Sarah Reilly
Fine Gael

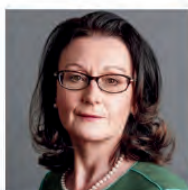
LAYTOWN-BETTYSTOWN



Tom Behan
Fianna Fáil



Wayne Harding
Fianna Fáil



Geraldine Keogan
Non-Party



Elaine McGinty
Labour



Stephen McKee
Fianna Fáil



Paddy Meade
Fine Gael



Sharon Tolan
Fine Gael

NAVAN



Yemi Adenuga
Fine Gael



Francis Deane
Non-Party



Padraig Fitzsimons
Fianna Fáil



Edward Fennessy
Sinn Féin



Alan Lawes
Non-Party



Tommy Reilly
Fianna Fáil



Emer Tóibín
Aontú

RATOATH



Brian Fitzgerald
Non-Party



Maria Murphy
Fine Gael



Nick Killian
Non-Party



Gerry O'Connor
Fine Gael



Caroline O'Reilly
Fianna Fáil



Deirdre Geraghty Smith
Fianna Fáil



Gillian Toole
Non-Party

TRIM



Aisling Dempsey
Fianna Fáil



Joe Fox
Fine Gael



Noel French
Non-Party



Trevor Golden
Non-Party



Ronan Moore
Social Democrats



Niamh Souhan
Fine Gael



Trim Castle



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