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Monthly Management Report for Elected Members

November 2025

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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, HR Management and Emergency Services

Corporate Affairs and Governance

Directorate for Housing and Integration

Housing Services

Directorate for Transportation, Urban Regeneration & Asset Management

Transportation

Directorate for Planning & Strategic Projects

Planning and Development

Directorate for Financial Services and Information Systems

Finance Services

Directorate for Climate Action, Culture, Community & Gaeltacht Affairs

Climate Action and Environment

Library Services

Community Development

Directorate for Economic Development, Rural Regeneration & EU Affairs

Economic Development

Tourism

Rural Regeneration

Thank You,

Kieran Kehoe

Chief Executive

Corporate Affairs and Governance



Corporate Affairs

Reachtaíocht Nua -An Ghaeilge

Fógraíodh le déanaí ag an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agius Pobal agus Gaeltachta go mbeidh córas nua ó thaobh an Ghaeilge de ag teacht go luath in áit na scéimeanna teanga agus forordaithe faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003. Mar thorsadh, leagfar caighdeáin teanga ar gach earnáil rialtais ar bhonn céimnithe, Comhairle Contae na Mí san áireamh. Beidh caighdeáin níos airde le baint amach ag na hearnáil sin a bhfuil níos mó idirghníomhú acu leis an bpobal. Mar chuid den chaighdeáin teanga nua seo beidh próiseas comhairliúcháin phoiblí i gceist agus ar siúl thar thréimhse 3 mhí; agus tabharfar réamhfhógra do Chomhairle Contae na Mí ón Roinn chun ullmhú don phróiseas seo.

New Legislation – Irish Language

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht recently announced a new system for the Irish language that will replace the current language schemes established under the 2003 Official Languages Act. As a result, language standards will be introduced across all government sectors. Higher standards will be implemented for sectors that have more interaction with the public. As part of this process, there will be a three-month period of public consultation, and Meath County Council will receive advance notice to prepare for it.

Meath County Council Officially Open the LDR4 in Navan

On Friday, 24 October, Meath County Council officially opened the Local Distributor Road 4 (LDR4) in Navan, a new 1.2km route linking the Kells and Rathaldron Roads which is poised to significantly reduce traffic in the centre of the town, while also providing a new link for people travelling from the north of Navan to the M3 motorway.

The route also has ample facilities for cyclists and pedestrians and provides a new link to both Blackwater Park and the Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway.

An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Wayne Harding said that "every element of this project is in complete alignment with the Council's vision for a thriving and inclusive County."



Meath County Council Proud to Re-Affirm Twinning with Italian Counterparts on 20th Anniversary



Meath County Council and Elected Members and management in the Navan Municipal District were proud to host Mayor of Broccostella Domenico Urbano and delegates from the Italian city in early October.

On Thursday, 2 October, a formal dinner took place at the Newgrange Hotel in Navan where Mayor of Navan Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons and his counterpart in Broccostella officially signed the Twinning Re-Affirmation, exactly 20 years after the original Twinning Agreement was made in 2005.

Speaking on the night, Mayor of Navan Cllr Padraig Fitzsimons said he was “delighted to ensure the ties between Navan and Broccostella continues well into the future”.



Council and Re-turn Launch 42 New Bin Surrounds in Navan Town Centre



On Wednesday, 1 October, Meath County Council officially launched 42 new bin surrounds in Navan Town Centre, as part of a successful ongoing initiative by Re-turn, the administrator of Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme.

Speaking at the launch, Navan MD Area Manager Martin Murray said: "Our objective is to foster a cleaner and more sustainable community for all residents. I firmly believe that Meath is leading the way in advocating for on-the-go recycling practices and promoting a low-carbon future. This initiative is critical and will facilitate positive, sustainable, and impactful change."

Research from Re-turn found that containers left on the bin surrounds were collected on average within 16 minutes while a survey carried out by Re-turn reveals that 79% of the public support on-the-go recycling schemes and would welcome a similar scheme in their local area.

This initiative aims to make on-the-go recycling visible and accessible while reducing litter and preserving valuable recyclable materials.



Meath County Council Ask Public To Think Before They Park in Advance of Busy Sporting Weekends at Páirc Tailteann

In advance of the Men's Senior Hurling Semi-Finals and Men's Senior Football Finals Weekends in Páirc Tailteann, communications were issued by the Council asking people to think before they park so as to prevent blocked footpaths and cycle lanes for our more vulnerable road-users in the county.

The Council also provided a list of both private and public car-parks that would be in operation over the course of both weekends.

Outdoor Crews and Fire Service Weather Storm Amy



Over the course of Storm Amy which commenced on Friday, 3 October, our outdoor crews attended at least 48 locations across the county to tend to fallen trees and other debris to help get people moving again, while our Fire Service received approximately 36 Storm Amy related calls. Our Communications team utilised social media to keep people advised of any fallen trees, debris or road closures reported, as well as providing the appropriate safety advice.

Keeping People Aware of Dangers on Fire and on Our Roads This October



During October, the Council participated in both Road Safety Week and Fire Safety Week with a number of communications being placed on social media making people aware of the dangers of our roads and of fires.

The Council also kept people updated on the different events being held as part of these weeks, including Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer Barry Quinn appearing on LMFM to discuss ways we can all be more proactive in promoting fire safety.

Keeping the Climate Conversation to the Forefront for the Citizens of Meath



Meath County Council continues to spearhead initiatives to help spread awareness and educate the people of Meath on important Climate Action initiatives such as sustainability, energy security, and the circular economy.

Over the course of Climate Action Month, over 25 events were held by Meath County Council with the majority of these events being communicated to our social media followers to help spread awareness, in addition to interviews being facilitated with LMFM and press releases being issued.

Contracts Signed to Initiate Construction of Longwood Playground

On Monday, 6 October, Chief Executive of Meath County Kieran Kehoe together with Padraig Davis of Davis Civil Engineering signed the official contracts to start construction on Longwood Playground, with this news being shared on social media.

The playground is expected to completed by the end of the year and, once completed, will offer a vibrant space for children and families to enjoy.



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			
Church Street, Kells	3	Q2 2026	Q2 2027
Ratoath Age Friendly Development	12	Q3 2026	Q3 2027
Total	**15**		
PART 8 PLANNING & DETAILED DESIGN			
Kells, Archdeaconry*	22	TBC	TBC
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells*	47	TBC	TBC
Planning & Design Total	**69**		
TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION			
Church View, Rathmolyon	22	Q2 2026	Q4 2027
Haggard Street, Trim	4	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney	2	Q4 2025	Q4 2026
Total Tender for Construction	**28**		
CONSTRUCTION STAGE			
Pitcher Lane, Kells	5	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Brews Hill, Navan	12	Q1 2024	Q4 2025
Rathaldron Court, Navan	27	Q3 2024	Q2 2026
Newtown, Drumconrath	1	Q3 2024	Q4 2025
Connaught Grove	47	Q3 2024	Q4 2025

Abbott Mews, Abbeylands, Navan	6	Q3 2025	Q4 2026
Construction Total	**98**		
COMPLETED DEVELOPMENTS			
Swan Lane, Navan	6		14/8/2025
Total Completed Units	**6**		
OVERALL TOTAL	**216**		

***Archdeaconry Glebe, Kells & Carrick Street, Kells**

Judicial Review Hearing is listed for 4th & 5th November 2025.

Meath County Council Approved Capital Assistance Scheme, Part V & Turnkey up to 20th October 2025

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ashbourne	Part V	**43**
Athboy	Part V	**1**
Ballivor	Part V	**2**
Drogheda	Part V	**30**
Duleek	Part V	**6**
Dunboyne	Part V	**9**
Dunshaughlin	Part V	**48**
Enfield	Part V	**27**
Kells	Part V	**12**
Kilcock	Part V	**4**
Longwood	Part V	**12**
Navan	Part V	**81**
Oldcastle	Part V	**13**
Rathmolyon	Part V	**10**
Ratoath	Part V	**27**
Summerhill	Part V	**21**
Trim	Part V	**50**
Bettystown	Turnkey	**1**
Drogheda	Turnkey	**30**
Kells	Turnkey	**28**
Navan	Turnkey	**14**
Kilmoon	CAS	**1**
Navan	CAS	**12**
Slane	CAS	**1**
Trim	CAS	**2**
Oldcastle	CAS	**6**
Total		**487**

Meath County Council Approved Capital Assistance Scheme, Part V & Turnkey – Delivered as at the 20th October 2025.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ballivor	Part V	4
Bettystown	Part V	8
Carlanstown	Part V	2
Clonee	Part V	7
Donacarney	Part V	2
Drogheda	Part V	4
Duleek	Part V	4
Dunshaughlin	Part V	10
Enfield	Part V	1
Julianstown	Part V	2
Kells	Part V	5
Navan	Part V	8
Stamullen	Part V	2
Ballivor	Turnkey	8
Bettystown	Turnkey	20
Clonee	Turnkey	66
Donacarney	Turnkey	16
Navan	Turnkey	12
Stamullen	Turnkey	5
Navan	CAS	5
Total		**191**

Affordable Housing

Meath County Council are offering a two affordable housing schemes.

Beaufort, Boyne Village, Navan, Co Meath – 9 units. The online portal for applications opened on Thursday 18th September 2025 at 12 noon, assessing applications and offers issued.

Wellfield, Ratoath, Co Meath – 10 units. The online portal for applications opened on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 12 noon, assessing applications.

Expressions of Interest

The Housing Department continue to collaborate with Developers and Landowners to purchase land and or properties for the provision of social and affordable housing.

Local Authority Adaptive Work Scheme (LAAWS)

- LAAWS grant funding of €614,442.67 including VAT was submitted for approval to DHLGH on 23rd January 2025.
- This includes 56 disabled persons grant units for €522,730.59 and 1 disabled persons grant extension units for €91,692.08.
- This brings the total to 57 LAAWS applications scheduled to be completed in 2025.
- 46 LAAWS applications are completed so far this year.

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

Confirmation of 2025 approved allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme received on 9th May 2025 - **€4,343,714** including MCC match funding**.**

672 grants awarded to the value of €5,213,680 up to 16/10/2025

Local Authority Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

MCC initially received approval to complete retrofits on 48 properties for 2025, however, in June, approval was received for a further 20 properties. In September MCC was approved for a further 1 property giving a total of 69 properties for 2025. 47 properties are voids (32 completed) and 22 properties are occupied (14 completed). Works are ongoing on 17 properties and works have not yet commenced on the remaining 6 properties. In addition to the above, 21 properties from previous years were completed in 2025.

Local Authority Planned Maintenance

1010 Stock Condition Surveys have been completed in Meath up to the 30th September 2025.

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 16th October 2025.

	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 Contractor
Kells	3	2	4	7	2
Navan	10	9	10	19	10
Ashbourne	0	0	1	1	0
Laytown/Bettystown	5	2	2	5	4
Ratoath	2	1	1	3	1
Trim	8	3	1	5	7
TOTALS	**28**	**17**	**19**	**40**	**24**

Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects (Including Part V)

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB	Estimated Completion
Bailey Hill, Navan	5	Cluid	Q4 2025
Dunboyne Heights, Dunboyne	50	Iveagh Trust	Q1 2027
Kilmoon	1	Marillac - CAS	Q1 2027
Oldcastle	5	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	Q3 2027
Oldcastle	1	DePaul Housing - CAS	Q2 2026
Slane	1	St. John of Gods	Q4 2026
Tailteann, Navan	12	Meath Women's Refuge - CAS	Q4 2027
St. Loman Street, Trim	2	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	Q2 2027
Total Number of Approved Units	**77**		

Summary Profile of Approved Housing Body Approved Projects Delivered in 2025 Year to date:

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB
Flowerhill Lodge, Navan	5	North & East - CAS
Gardenrath, Kells, Co. Meath	45	CLUID - CALF
Glen Boann, Donacarney	12	CLUID - CALF
Mine View, Athboy Road, Navan	12	Respond - CALF
Emmett St, Trim	12	North & East - CALF
Woodstream, Bailis, Navan	21	Cluid - CALF
Total Number of Units Delivered	**107**	

Homelessness – September 2025

	Single Adults / Couples	Households with Children	Total Households
Placements at 31st August 2025	182 (185 Adults)	88 (127 Adults, 155 Children)	270
Placements at 30th September 2025	180 (184 Adults)	86 (123 Adults & 150 Children)	266

Of the households with children, 77 families are placed in short-term private rented accommodation (house/apartment) through the Settlement Team's intervention, 9 Families in Family Hubs.

97.5% bed allocations were availed of by service users.

2.5% beds were available (Kells, Bettystown, Drogheda)

Meath County Council is not the sole user of the properties located in Meath that facilitate the Settlement Section. Owners of properties that border other LA's will also engage with these LA's. This includes Louth, Fingal, Westmeath & Kildare.

54 Presentations on homelessness were made. This comprised 21 Families.

Reason for EA Presentations	Total Numbers
NTQ	18
Family Circumstance	13
Hospital | Prison | Care	7
Couch Surfing | Cannot Afford	13
Rough Sleeping	3
Other	0
Total	**54**

Family Figures:

4 Families exited EA in September. This comprised 6 Adults & 8 Children

Reason for EA Family Exit	Total Numbers
MCC Allocation	1
Not availing of Bed	1
Return to Family / Friend	2
Total	**4**

Age profile of clients in emergency accommodation on 30.09.2025

Age profile	Clients	0-4	04-11	11-18	18-25	25-40	40-65	Over 65
Families	123				27	57	38	1
Couples	8					3	5	
Singles	176				20	47	92	17
Children	150	46	60	44				
Total	457	46	60	44	47	107	135	18

Homeless HAP Placefinder 01/09/2025 – 30/09/2025

Total	**2**
Exit from Emergency Accommodation	0
Homeless Prevention	2
In Progress	6

Tenant Liaison Team September 2025

Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation	Complaints	Cases
Frequent serious disturbances	109	58
Occupancy of dwelling	79	51
Garden upkeep/maintenance	38	21
Dog/Horse/Pet Control	2	2
Total September 2025	228	132

ASB Investigations on going at (month end)	92
ASB Investigations completed (month end)	40
Number of Pre Tenancies completed in September 2025	16
Abandonments for September 2025	0
Houses taken back into stock for September 2025	6

Warnings Issued 2025

Warnings	July	August	September	Total
Verbal	8	0	0	8
Written	2	1	0	3
2nd Written	0	0	0	0
Statutory	0	0	0	0
Advisory	0	0	2	2
Total	10	1	2	13

Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme

2025	Applications Received	Invalid	Offers Issued	Offers Accepted	File to Solicitor	Sale Closed
January	2	1	1	0	1	1
February	3	0	0	1	0	3
March	6	0	3	2	1	0
April	5	0	0	0	3	0
May	3	1	10	5	1	1
June	0	0	1	0	1	1
July	4	0	1	1	1	1
August	8	0	3	1	1	2
September	8	1	6	1	0	1
Total	39	3	25	11	9	10

Standards in Rented Accommodation

3290 Inspections were carried out on rented properties in Meath up to the end of September 2025. Of this figure, 935 were first inspections and 54 properties passed after their first inspection. 122 Improvement Notices and 6 Prohibition Notices were served from January to September 2025.

7 Improvement Notices have been withdrawn from January to September 2025 as the matters referred to in the Improvement Notices were remedied.

Social Housing Supports - for period 1st to 30th September

- 143 applications received for Social Housing
- 50 applications approved onto the Social Housing List
- 39 applications unsuccessful

Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period 1st August to 31st August 2025

Allocations/Housing Supports	Number
MCC Direct Allocations	14
Transfers	5
Approved Housing Bodies	15
Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)	0
Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	1
Long Term Leasing (inc Private MTR)	
Mortgage To Rent (Approved Housing Bodies)	1
TOTAL	**36**

Transportation Services



1.National Roads

Funding Source	**TII**
Grant Allocation	**€8,609,519 (including Greenways €1,400,000)**
Scheme	Update
N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 - €2.7M	Snagging work remain in progress, with completion still anticipated in the coming weeks. The contractor has been reminded of the need to expedite the close out.
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme - €650K	The High Court on the 15th September granted leave to Mr John Rogers to bring a Judicial Review challenge to the Development Consent for the development of Slane Bypass. A hearing has been scheduled for the 15th and 16th January 2026.
N52 Grange to Clontail - €1.3M	Tender competition for Phase 5-7 consultant complete; awaiting TII approval for appointment. Phase 4 Gateway Statement submitted; awaiting TII approval to progress to Stage 5.
N52MH_034.0 Balrath Cross RSIS	Design report currently being progressed

2. Non - National Roads

Funding Source	**DoT**
Grant Allocation	**€26,567,800**

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

Grant Allocation	**€ 18,283,550 (including CIS)**
Own Resources (Local tertiary roads)	**€3,083,800**
Total	**€21,366,350**
Scheme	Update
Phase 1 (Recycle, Overlay & Surface Dressing):	Contract completed.
Phase 2 (Surface Dressing)	Contract completed.
Phase 3 (Structural Overlay & Surface Dressing)	Works commenced on final scheme
Phase 4 (Wearing Course)	Contract completed.
Community Involvement Scheme	10 no. schemes completed
Local Tertiaries	14 no. scheme completed
Own Resources Roads (August)	13 no. schemes completed
Local Improvement Schemes	Round 1 Complete/ Round 2 (75% complete)

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

Grant Allocation	**€1,200,000**

Scheme	Update
R156/R125 Mullagh Cross	Part 8 Planning Chief Executive Report issued to MD Members on 30th September 2025 and discussed at October MD meeting. Ground Investigation procurement commenced.
L6210 Newtownmoyaghy	NIS application lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála on 8th October 2025.
R132 Julianstown Traffic Relief Scheme	Consultants appointed for Phase 2 Option Selection.
R108 / L16111 Bey More Junction safety scheme	Feasibility Study being finalised and Option Selection process commenced.

2.(c) Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

Grant Allocation	**€470,000**
Scheme	**Update**
R-108 Bey More	Tender issued for works
R-125 Grennoge	Tender issued for works
R-125 Collinstown	Tender issued for works
R-155 Curragha	Tender issued for works
R-162 Nobber	Tender issued for works
R-195 Fennor Oldcastle	Tender issued for works
R-195 Springhall	Tender issued for works
L-1603 Lobinstown	Tender issued for works
L-4007 Clonmalevan	Tender issued for works

L-5054 Kentstown	Tender issued for works
L-5614 Bettystown	Tender issued for works
L-5018 Ballybin	Proposals currently being finalised.

2.(d) Bridge Rehabilitation Works Regional & Local Roads

Grant Allocation	**€742,250**
Scheme	**Update**
R154 Addanstown Bridge	Bridge works complete. Accommodation works to be completed
BAMS Bridge Inventory and Maintenance Inspection€ (2025)	Inspections ongoing
Verdons Bridge	Tender Document being prepared
Aclare Bridge	Consultants appointed. Topo Survey undertaken.
Graultys Bridge	Consultants appointed. Topo survey undertaken.
Piercetown Bridge	Tender assessment for consultants ongoing.

2 (e) Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works

Grant Allocation	**€540,500**
Scheme	**Update**
R160 Clongowan €200,000	Site investigation going to tender. €100,000 of this funding now assigned to surfacing on the L4000 at Jamestown Bog.
Keenaghan Drainage Improvement €35,000	90% complete

R-151 Mornington €30,000	Cannot be undertaken due to OPW scheme. Use funding for rock armour along the coastline.
R-191-8 Leitrim Lower Culvert Upgrade Works €30,000	85% complete
L-62251- Rathcore €30,000	Flooding issue resolved through liaison with landowner.
L-80045-5 Church Road, Athboy €25,000	In progress
L-5615 L-5615 Pilltown Road €10,500	Cannot be undertaken due to local development. Use funding for rock armour along the coastline.

(f) Former National Road Rehabilitation Works

Grant Allocation	**€750,000**
Scheme	**Update**
R132 (Former N1)	Works completed. Innovative low carbon material used as part of a trial in conjunction with DoT.

3. Active Travel Grants

Funding Source	**NTA**
Grant Allocation	€12,000,000
Scheme	**Update**
NA1: R147 Martha's Bridge to Circular Road	Works continued this month on the western side of the R147 from Maxol to Circular Road, with the consultation of new kerbing and footpath, and the installation of services. Temporary traffic management is in place on the R147 and two-way traffic flow was maintained.
NA1: R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout	Design work on a revised preliminary design for a two-way cycle facility on the eastern side of the R147/N52

	from Poolboy Bridge towards the Balmoral junction continued this month.
Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme	A draft Preliminary Design Report and Structures Report (TII) have been prepared as part of Phase 2 (Feasibility and Options Assessment) of the process and are currently under review. Design work and drafting of options continued this month.
Navan Public Realm: Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation	The Consultant Team is continuing to work on finalising the Preliminary Business Case and final Gateway 3 documents for submission to the National Transport Authority.
Navan Contract 5: Fairgreen, Church Hill, Bakery Lane, Old Cornmarket, Preston Place and Fairgreen carpark.	Fairgreen road and Church Hill surfacing and line marking was completed and Fairgreen was reopened to two-way traffic. 'Safe Routes to School' interventions were included. Work on Bakery Lane is continuing, with the installation of new services and laying of new granite paving. The Contractor is also continuing with the installation of bollards and street furniture throughout. Paddy O'Brien Street bus stops works commenced and the existing bus at EASONs has been removed and a new double bus shelter installed. Kerbing and paving works are continuing this side. Works to create a new corresponding bus stop on the opposite side of the road have commenced.
Convent Road to Metges Road & Trim Road: Beechmount to Balreask Manor Active Travel Schemes	A potential further concept option relying on a shared space has been drafted which removes the requirement potential land take. Further design work is to be completed, and the options assessment process revisited with a revised assessment undertaken.
Trim Road Phase 3 - Beachmount to Balreask Manor	A tender competition for the appointment of consultants for Phases 5-7 (Detailed Design, Tender, Construction to Close Out) is currently underway.
Trim Road Phase 4 Balreask Manor to Borallion Junction	Design work for Phase 3 (Preliminary Design) for this scheme is currently underway.
Dunboyne and Clonee Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme	Part 8 planning application for the Dunboyne to Clonee Active Travel Links was presented to the October Ratoath MD

	meeting. Submissions on the Part 8 are welcome up to the 1st of December. Delivery Plan for the remaining Active Travel routes in Dunboyne now complete, NTA approval sought for the Delivery Plan.
Castle Street Ashbourne	Consultant appointed to develop an Active Travel Scheme along Castle Street Ashbourne, route selection process now commenced.
Johnstown Village Active Travel Scheme	Feasibility and Route Option Selection Report now complete and NTA satisfied with proposals. Works on the preliminary Design for Part 8 planning application ongoing.
BusIt2School	The BusIt2School scheme is funded by the DOT and aims to encourage primary school pupils to travel to and from school by bus. Scoil Naomh Eoin Clonmaggaden and St. Stephens Johnstown are now participating in the scheme. Bus demonstration days were held at both school in early October.
Newtown Road, Trim footpath	Contract awarded and contractor due to commence on site presently
Safety Measures at Schools	A Contract was awarded to Kelly Brothers for extra Traffic Calming/Road Safety Measures at 12 schools in Meath and these were completed in Q3 2025. The list of schools were: • Heronstown, L-B MD • Stackallen, L-B MD • Gibbstown, Kells MD • Kilbride, Trim MD • Baconstown NS, Trim MD • Lismullen, Navan MD • Kiltale NS, Trim MD • Newtown NS, Laytown -Bettystown MD • Bohermeen NS, Navan MD • Wilkinstown NS, Kells MD • Boardsmill NS, Trim MD • Ughtyneill NS, Kells MD
Safe Routes to School	

St. Stephen's NS, Navan	Contract works progressing well.
Beaufort College, Navan	Contract works progressing well.

4.Roads & Sustainable Transport Schemes

Funding Source	**Primarily DoT & NTA**
Grant Allocation	(covered under TII)
Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway	
Scheme	Update
Kilberry to Greenway Footpath & Gibbstown Car Park	Works progressing on the footpath from the Gibbstown Greenway crossing to Kilberry, due to be complete earlier November. Bituminous surface scheduled to be applied to Gibbbstown car park in October.
Greenway Surfacing	TII have funded the installaiotn of 7km of bituminous surfacing between Wilkinstown and Nobber. A continuous bound surface is now installed between Wilkinstown and Nobber.
Poles Car Park and Footpath, Kilmainhamwood	Works have commenced on the new car park at Poles Greenway crossing Kilmainhamwood. 500m footpath along the R162 to commence in Novemeber at the same location.

5.Other/Projects

Scheme	**Update**
Oldcastle Public Realm Scheme	Tobin Consultant Engineers Ltd. actively progressing the detailed design. MCC exploring options to acquire land for new car park to serve the town centre.
Athboy Main Street Public Realm Scheme	Tobin Consultant Engineers appointed for the Athboy Main Street Public Realm scheme. Feasibility and Route Options Selection report being developed.

LDR4 Navan	Scheme opened to traffic end of October 2025. Traffic Light timings being reviewed to optimise junction efficiency and Road Safety Audit to be completed.

6.URDF

Scheme	**Update**
Former Spicers Bakery, Rampart Carpark & Andy Brennan Park	No further updates since last report
Frontage Improvement Works Flowerhill	The Council are seeking approval from URDF for the implementation stage of the project.
Ratoath – Refer to 10 Meath County Council Projects below - New Library/Community Building, Amenity Area, and Age Friendly Housing, Ratoath	Environmental and Archaeological assessments are currently ongoing.

7. RRDF

Scheme	**Update**
Boyne Greenway Navan to Oldbridge	Ecological and environmental surveys underway. Preliminary design of the horizontal and vertical alignment as well as structures of the Boyne Greenway route progressing.

8.THRIVE

Scheme	**Update**
County Archive and Community Hub	Works stage 2 tender documents are estimated to be issued at the end of this month

9. Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF)

Scheme	Update
Upgrade & Development of the existing Seafield Sports Facility at Corballis, Laytown, Co. Meath	No further updates since last report

10. Meath County Council Projects

Scheme	Update
New Library/Community Building, Amenity Area, and Age Friendly Housing, Ratoath	No further updates since last report
Buvinda Council Chambers & Offices	Stage 2 Works tender document preparation is currently on-going for Main Contractor & Reserved Specialists and tender documents are estimated to be issued at the end of October.
Solstice – Frontage	No further updates since last report

11. National Speed Limit Review

Scheme	Update
National Speed Limit Review	Phase 1 of the national Speed Limit Review saw the reduction from the default 80 km/hr to a default 60 km/hr on rural local roads. This was completed in Q1 of 2025. Phase 2 is the review of built-up urban areas with potential change of speed limit to 30km/ hr in locations that align with the guidelines. New guidelines were Issued by the department of Transport on the 16th of October 2025. Phase 2 is to be implemented by 31st of March 2027.

Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism



Launch of Thrive Centre of Business Excellence

The Thrive Centre of Business Excellence was officially opened on Friday 26th September by Cathaoirleach Councillor Wayne Harding, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke, TD, and our Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe. Also speaking at the event were Minister of Education and Youth, Helen Mc Entee, TD, and Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence, Thomas Byrne, TD.

Well-known television presenter Darragh McCullough also moderated a panel discussion featuring Minister Burke, Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe, and Brigid Manley, Communications & Marketing manager from Turmec where the benefits of the building were explored in detail, with Kieran Kehoe remarking on the Council's ambition to be the best in everything we do. Brigid was able to provide insights into how the company is fostering innovation and achieving exceptional international growth with their solution-based approach, as well as the areas where the local authority and Government could lend their support.

Minister Burke commended Meath County Council not just for their work with this stunning and innovative building, but for their ongoing initiatives focused on creating jobs and attracting foreign direct investment into the county.



Partnership with Skillnet Innovation Exchange

Economic Development hosted a business networking event in Thrive Centre of Business Excellence in partnership with Skillnet Innovation Exchange entitled Irish Businesses Facing Challenges, Opportunities & the AI Frontier

There was a fantastic turnout, where local business leaders, innovators, and partners came together to explore the challenges and opportunities shaping Irish enterprises today.
Hosted in collaboration with the Mill Enterprise Hub, the event delivered a blend of practical advice, thought leadership, and real-world insights from entrepreneurs and industry experts.

There were inspiring contributions from Skillnet Innovation Exchange members:
- Evan Roarke, Co-founder of Nuálach Automation, on how automation is transforming operations
- Linda Ennis, Hanley Energy, on the role of people development in scaling successfully
A highlight was Kammil M. Mahajan, Managing Director of Advice Bytes, who warned of emerging AI-driven threats.



Collaboration with LEADER – Meath Partnership

There was a fantastic turnout for the LEADER Funding workshop held at Thrive Centre of Excellence. It was inspiring to see so much innovation and plans for future projects in one room. Economic Development plan to continue this collaboration with LEADER for hosting training events for businesses at the Thrive Centre.

TCI Conference

Economic Development attended the TCI conference in the Royal Dublin Convention Centre, held 14th to the 16th October with a focus on discussing global trends for clusters and innovation ecosystems.



Local Enterprise Office

Leo Activity Report – October 2025

Grant Approved/Mentoring Sessions/Training	
Mentoring Assignments Approved	24
Attended Online Training Courses	109
Attended Digital Marketing Clinics	5
Attended AI for Business Clinics	1
Attended Website Health Check Clinics	8
Attended Finance Advice Clinics	3
GREEN for Micro Applications	1
Digital for Business	2
LEAN for Micro	3
Energy Efficiency Grant	3
LEO Grants	5

M1 Priming/Expansion Grants
5 Meath SME's were supported by €80,000 of funding for business expansion and feasibility studies in the most recent evaluation committee meeting that took place on the 14th of October. A number of businesess are preparing for the final EVAC of the year with additional funding sought to support them.

Management Development Programmes and In person Training
The Export Accelerator Programme is being delivered in person in Thrive to those who wish to develop a strategy to explore their export market potential and develop a strategy to start exporting or increase their current market potential.

The Entrepreneurship for Persons with a Disability programme which is a national pilot being led by LEO Meath commenced on the 21st of October with 6 participants taking place. We wish them all the very best of luck for this programme.

Blás Na hEireann

Meath Local Enterprise Office were delighted to see great recognition in the largest Irish food awards on the island given to "What's for Pudding/Royal County Puddings", "Baska Bakery", "Newgrange Gold", "Roll It Pastry" and "McCormacks Family Farms" on their well-deserved awards! It's great to see such long-standing and well-regarded Meath businesses continue to innovate and deliver quality products. Congratulations to all our other winners and finalists from County Meath.

Tourism

Press Visits
Discover Boyne Valley has organised four content creator visits to promote the region as the Home of Halloween. The first of these visits occurred on Sunday, the 12th of October, with Amy Gallagher from This Honest Mama visiting the area. Amy has two children with additional needs, and the itinerary highlighted the range of accessible tourism offerings within the destination.

A journalist from Dublin South FM visited in September. Her itinerary included Newgrange, Slane Castle and Slane Distillery.



Spire of Lloyd

Spire of Lloyd guided tours on a Friday morning have been extended by one month, finishing up at the end of October, to capitalise on the interest in the destination following its appearance as the location of the Traitors' Finale.

Púca Festival Local Launch

The Púca local launch took place on Tuesday, 30th September. Cathaoirleach Wayne Harding, Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe and Director of Services Dara McGowan attended. Developed by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with Meath County Council, Púca celebrates Ireland as the birthplace of Halloween through an authentic and immersive four-day experience. The festival returns from Thursday, 30th October to Sunday, 2nd November in Trim and Athboy, offering a vibrant programme of events showcasing the very best of contemporary Irish music, spectacle, and performance in Ireland's Ancient East.


Athboy
Trim
Púca
Halloween
Festival

Rural Regeneration



Vacant Homes	2025 total
Vacant Homes Identified	39
CPO - Housing Act - Completed in 2025	4
CPO - Housing Act - Commenced in 2025	7

Derelict Sites	2025 total
Derelict Sites Register (no. of properties)	38
No. of statutory orders issued	31
CA - Derelict Sites Act - Completed in 2025	3
CA - Derelict Sites Act - Commenced in 2025	1

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant	2025 total
Approved Applications	50
Approved in Principle Applications (not commenced)	42
Applications In Progress/Info Requested	36
Rejected Applications	3
Withdrawn Applications	39
Completed / Paid Applications	72
Total Applications Received	101
Total Approved Grant Funding	€5,083,590
Total Paid Grant Funding	€2,674,702

Rural Regeneration Project Progress	Funding
Part 8 Process (Sept 2025)	
Works Commenced (Sept 25)	
Dunshaughlin Offices Façade maintenance	MCC
Castletown Cottage	TVRS
Claddy Hall - Dunderry - Tenders returned	TVRS

Dunboyne Playground repair works	MCC/Playground Committee
Surfacing work to BVLC Greenway (Glackenstown to Knightstown)	ORIS 2025
Longwood Playground - Construction	TVRS
Works Completed (Sept 25)	
Thrive Centre of Business Excellence	MCC

Community Development



Supporting Communities – Highlights October 2025

National Public Participation Conference Trim

Pride of Place Awards Nights

Ratoath, Kells, Navan and Ashbourne

Annual Meath Cares About Older People Showcase

Athboy Convent Community Centre

Meath LCDC SICAP Case study Launch 'Belonging at Every Age"

&

Meath Age Friendly Supporst and Services Index for Older People Launch

Community Amenity Project Scheme - Call for Applications

Comhairle na NÓG Annual Youth Conference 2025

Navan

Public Participation Network

Public Participation Network - National Conference 2025

Over 200 delegates from PPNs across the country came to Trim for the very successful National PPN Conference on 16th and 17th of October, held at the Knightsbrook Hotel.

Cathaoirleach Wayne Harding and Chief Executive, Kieran Kehoe opened the conference along with Bairbre Nic Aongusa, Assistant Secretary, DRCDG and Andy Ogle, Meath PPN Secretariat.



The first session began with a Misinformation Workshop delivered by the Institute of Strategic Dialogue and the Hope & Courage Collective. This was followed by the launch of a national PPN report on Community Resilience with a focused discussion.



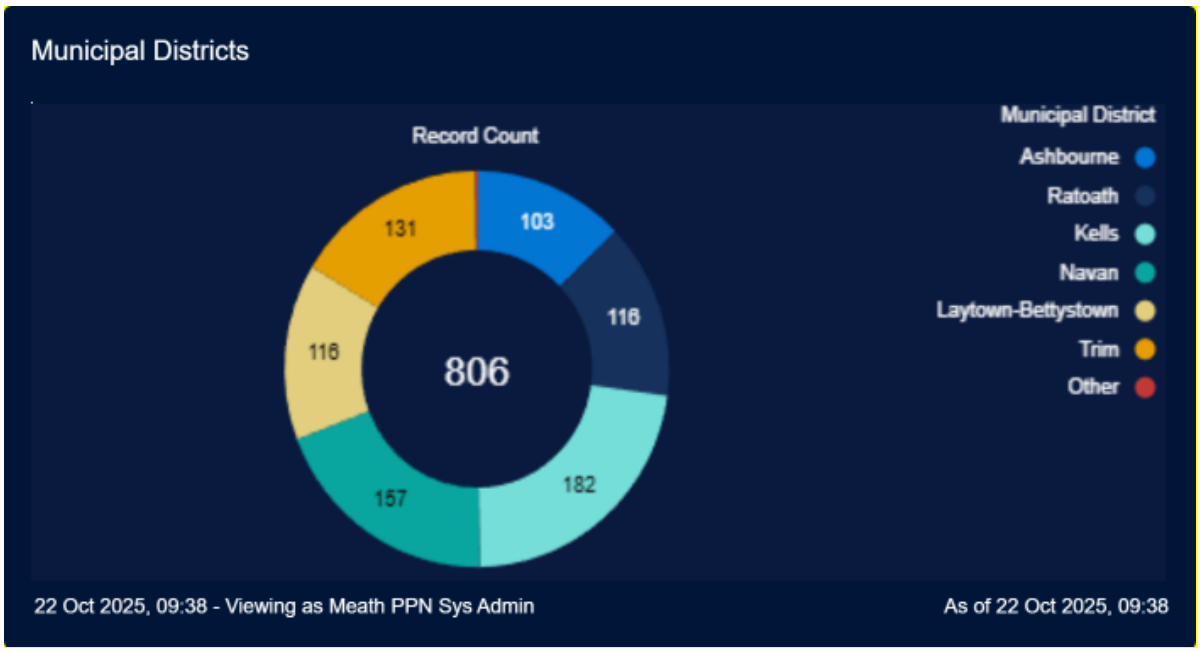
Delegates availed of excursions to the Trim Family Resource Centre, the Solas Glán community garden, Gaeltacht Ráth Chairn and a Porchfields heritage walk in addition to an in-house showcase event.

Minister Jerry Buttimer gave the address at the conference gala dinner with a welcome from Leas-Cathaoirleach Caroline O'Reilly.

The second day began with a presentation on climate action collaboration in Meath between MCC and the community sector. Workshops followed, including a podcast production in Cork, community mapping in Tipperary, the biodiversity of Girley Bog & the operation and structure of the Crann Support Group.

The conference concluded on Friday afternoon and the experience of delegates was extremely positive. The Meath PPN is grateful for the support given by staff, volunteers and Meath County Council for the successful delivery of this key event for the PPN sector.

PPN Membership



Meath Age Friendly

The annual Meath Cares About Older People event was held in the Ashbourne Convent Community Centre on Wednesday 8th October. There were information stands with details on support and services available, and talks were given by service and support providers. Irish Heart Foundation Nurses provided blood pressure checks and pulse checks, and the Meath Local Sports Partnership provided a fun chair dance taster session to round up the day. Over 150 older people were in attendance on the day.







Success at the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards.
Meath was shortlisted under the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards this year for two projects, Age Well by Third Age and LocalLink/Flexibus. The awards night was held in the

Galmont Hotel, Galway, on 23rd October. Meath were successful on the night with LocalLink/Flexibus winning the Transportation category for the hospital service in Meath.

The Meath Age Friendly Supports and Services Index for Older People was launched in the Thrive Building on Friday 24th October, following the LCDC/LAG meeting. This index is designed to be a basic but useful tool for older people to see what supports are available in the county. It is not an exhaustive list, merely something that could provide direction when most needed.

Knockharley Environmental & Community Projects Grant Scheme
Funding recommendations under the Knockharley Grant Scheme 2025 were approved by the Ashbourne MD Members at their October meeting and will be presented to Full Council for approval at their November meeting. Offer letters will then issue to the successful applicants.

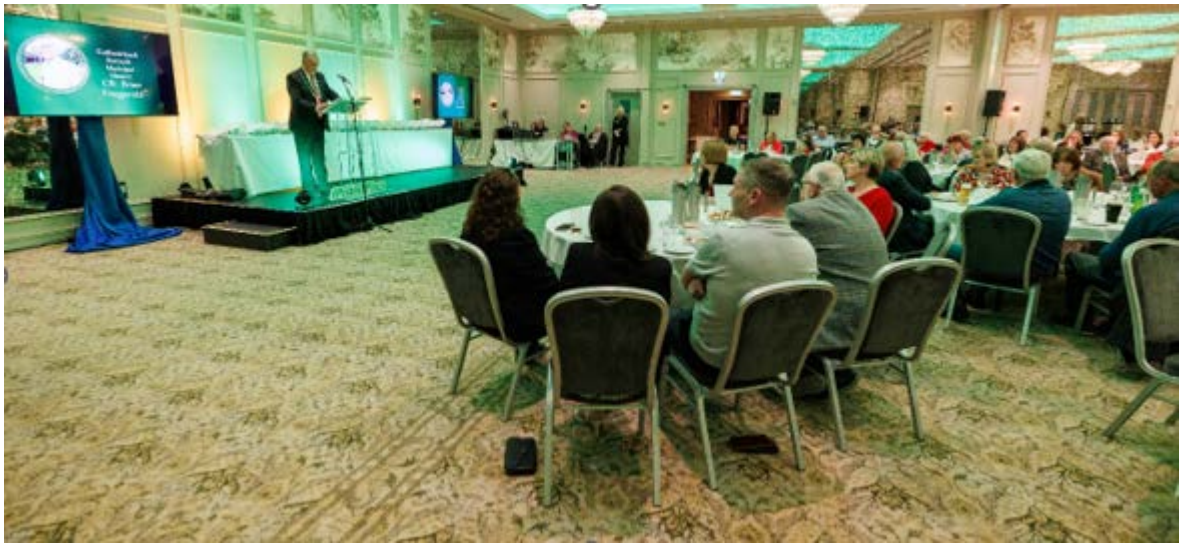
Comhairle na nÓg
The Annual Youth Conference took place in the Ardboyne Hotel on 23rd October 2025. Over 130 representatives from around the county attended the event. There were lively roundtable discussions on issues affecting young people and a representative from the Ombudsman for Children attended and took part in a q&a session with attendees. Comhairle Members for the year ahead were also elected.

Comhairle na nÓg, in collaboration with Jigsaw Meath, held an anti-stigma event called 'Talk about it' in the Ardboyne hotel on 2nd October 2025. The focus of the event is to reduce the stigma around mental health through starting important conversations about mental health and replacing negative words with uplifting words.

Pride of Place

Pride of Place Awards Nighst were held in Ratoath, Kells, Navan and Ashbourne Municiple Districts.







Meath Local Community Development Committee

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
The LCDC is meet on Friday 24th October and the and approved the Healthy Ireland Fund Financial and Outcomes Plan for 2026.

The meeting was followed by the Launch by Meath LCDC of the SICAP Case Study and Video 2025 titled “Belonging at Every Age: SICAP’s Holistic Support for Older People across Meath” and also included the launch by the Meath Age Friendly Programme Manager of the new “Supports and Services Index for Older People”.



The SICAP Case Study Video can be viewed here [Belonging at Every Age SICAP Meath 2025 Case Study - YouTube](YouTube).

A copy of the accompanying report will be available on the Council website.

LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 – Local Action Group (LAG)
The October meeting of the LAG took place on Friday, 24th October. Two LEADER projects recommended by the Independent Evaluation Committee were considered and approved by the LAG.

Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

The nominations for the Meath Local Community Safety Partnership were appointed by the Minister of Justice on the 2nd of October. Planning is underway for an Induction meeting of the Meath Local Community Safety Partnership in November and the 1st meeting of the Meath Local Community Safety Partnership in December.

LCSP team supported the Irish Farmers Association with a property marking event in Elmgrove Farm on the 7th of October. The Property Marking Machine is available to groups who are fully trained. Groups can contact communitysafety@meathcoco.ie if they are interested in borrowing the machine or interested in arranging an event in their area.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

- The LAIT continue to proactively hold drop-in clinics in all centres with populations of more than **15** people. We also carry out impromptu visits to centres to address issues as they arise.
- Cumulative Yearly total of Clinics Held: **135**

Customer Service Cases Logged 2025:

Number of Customer cases assigned/in progress/still active	**20**
Number of Customer cases closed	**387**

Figures

UKR	**720**
IP	**950**

Events

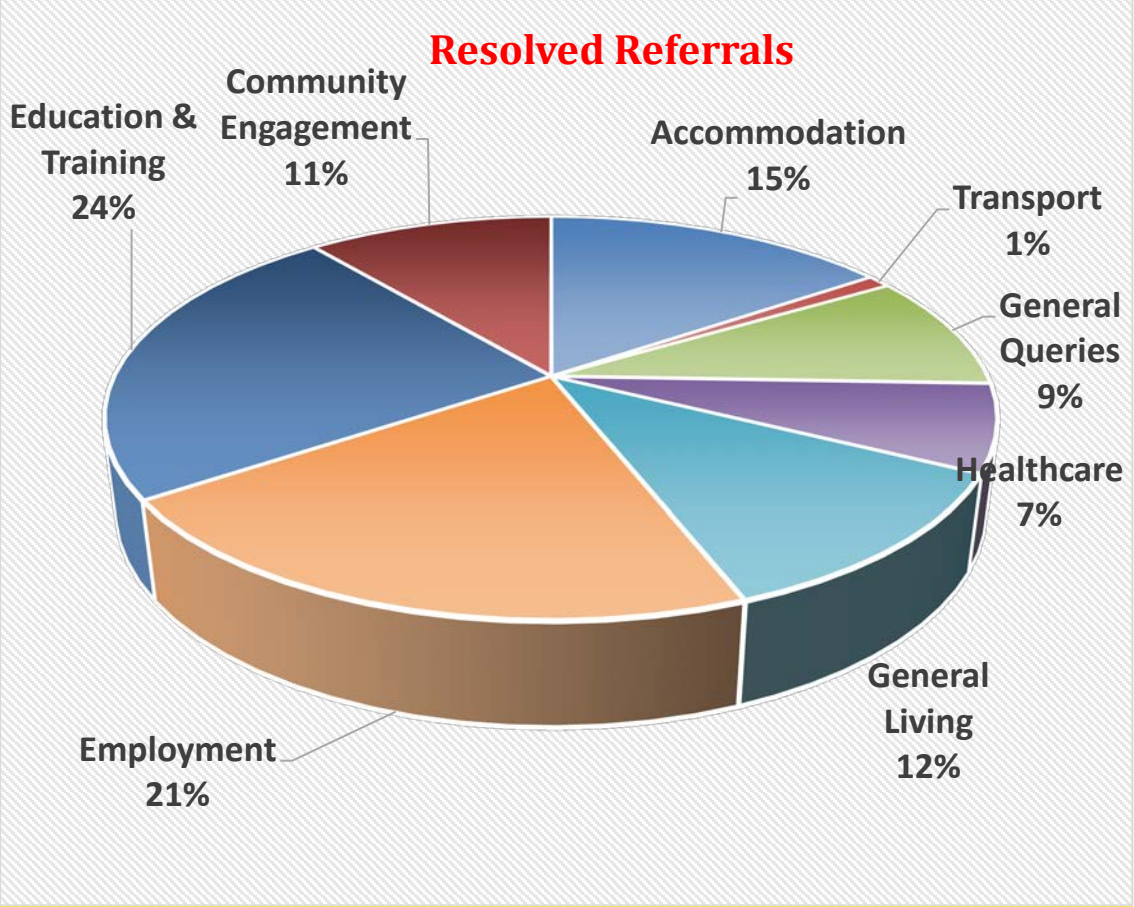
Mis/Dis/Mal Information

Recording and production of the Mis/Mal/Dis Information video was competed in late September/early October. The video was premiered at the National Public Participation Network Conference during the session in Mis/Dis and Mal Information.

Meath Cares About Older People Event

The LAIT attended the Meath Care About Older People Event, hosted by the Age Friendly Meath. Two busses were provided to transport 27 residents from Tara a Rí, Gormanston Park and Newgrange Lodge to the event.

The graph below represents the cumulative breakdown of interactions (407 logged [387 closed]) year to date 2025. The Support Workers have met with these guests. This illustrates the main categories of queries for newly arrived and more established refugees of any status.


Resolved Referrals
Education & Training 24%
Community Engagement 11%
Accommodation 15%
Transport 1%
General Queries 9%
Healthcare 7%
General Living 12%
Employment 21%

Planning



1. Planning Applications (Section 34)

1206 planning applications were lodged in the period 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025. This is compared to 1189 in the same period in 2024.

84.66% of the applications received in 2025 have been via the online portal -ePlan.

Commencement Notices

368 Valid Commencement Notices were received in the period 01/01/2025 to 30/09/2025. This is compared to 713 in the same period in the previous year.

The Commencement Notices can be broken down as follows:

Development Type	Number
One-Off House	125
Multi-Units	99** Units
Extensions	109
Other*	58

* Agricultural, Commercial, Recreational etc

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

One commencement notice has been lodged in relation to solar farms for the period 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025

2. Development Contributions (Section 48)

The collection figures for development contributions for the period Jan – Sept 2025 are as follows:

Receipt Period:	**Jan - Sept 2025**
Total Receipts	€ 4,156,659
Recoupments received	€ 6,650,497

Total Received	**€ 10,807,156**

The collection figures shown above are **inclusive** of:

- Uisce Eireann receipts €36,011 and
- Irish Rail receipts for S49 Clonsilla to Dunboyne Rail €212,408.

The total collected (receipts plus recoupments received) in the same period in 2024 was €12,747,591.

Target Collection Jan - Dec 2025:	€ 8,000,000
Actual Collected Jan – Sept 2025:	€ 10,807,156
% collected :	135%

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

- 227 Planning Enforcement complaints received since 01/01/2025
- 118 new planning enforcement cases were opened from 1.01.2025 to 30/09/2025

New Cases to be Investigated	15
Warning Letters	223
Enforcement Notices	20
Referred for Legal Proceedings	4
Closed	79
Court Attendances* This number does not include cases for Judicial Review or Meath County Council as Notice party	43*

*please note these figures relate to actions taken on files in the year 2025 only.

4. Forward Planning and Projects

Implementation Plan for Revised Housing Targets Set Out in New National Planning Framework Guidelines	Assessment of the housing capacity of all remaining residential and mixed-use zoned lands within County Meath is nearing completion. Remaining capacity and recommendation for zoning of additional lands due to be finalised in the coming two weeks. Report to be circulated to Elected Members and DHLGH once completed.
Variation for South Drogheda	Work on Variation No.5 to carry out a Settlement Capacity Audit (SCA) for South Drogheda that will inform the zoning of appropriate lands to meet the household allocation for the remaining period of the current MCDP 2021-2027 will now be subsumed into the variation that will incorporate the revised housing targets.
Review of Meath County Development Plan 2027-2033	Pre-Draft Strategic Issues Paper published on 22nd September. Public Consultation is open until 18th November 2025. Presentation and Online Public Engagement Event took place 22nd October. In-person Public Engagement event in Buvinda House took place 23rd October between 4-8pm. Tender preparation continues for assessments required to inform the new County Development Plan.
Communications Strategy for the upcoming Meath County Development Plan.	A Communications Strategy for the CDP is being finalised with the aim of maximising public engagement, communication and involvement in the upcoming Meath CDP.
Masterplans	The Following Masterplans are under preparation and under review: • Masterplan 13 - Balreask Old, lands between Trim Road and Commons Road. • MP 31 - Lands to the west of Trim which include the OPW building and buildings which front onto Emmet Street. • MP19 – Rath, North Ashbourne.
Legal Challenge- Protect East Meath.	Legal Challenge from Protect East Meath regarding the non-preparation of a Local Area Plan for East Meath was heard by Supreme Court on 13th October. The Judgement is due mid-December 2025.

5. Heritage & Biodiversity

Community Monuments Fund 2025:	Ardcath Church – Contractor on site and Phase I conservation works are advancing well. Archaeological recordings are on-going by the project archaeologist. Vegetation management works are completed. The contractor is currently sourcing local stone for window hood. St. Patrick Church, Trim – Contractor appointed by the church owners and on site. Initial baseline archaeological recording complete. Conservation works are progressing. Old Athlumney Graveyard – S12 consent was prepared and submitted to the National Monument Service. A Project archaeologist was secured to undertake the Archaeology assessment for Conservation Report. Kilberry Graveyard**:** An on-site meeting held with National Monuments Service to agree the scope of survey and key issues at the site. The Conservation team are progressing with the survey.
Meath County Biodiversity Action Plan Development	Graphic design of the Meath Biodiversity Action Plan is underway and Irish translation of the document is due to commence following presentation to the Elected Members.
Kells Printworks Project	Work has commenced on the curation of an exhibition on the story of Kells Printing Works and sourcing AV and sound equipment.

Climate Action and Environment



Climate Action

District Heating Feasibility Study Project – Duleek – Drogheda

- Data collection and key stakeholder engagement in progress – report due in December / Early January.
- Route and alternatives being considered in consultation with Louth County Council.

URBACT – In4Green

URBACT Co-funded by the European Union Interreg

Meath County Council continues to participate in the URBACT In4Green Project. The In4Green Project is a collaborative network of industrial cities across Europe, aiming to drive transformative change towards greener, more sustainable industrial practices. Navan is one of 9 partner cities under the URBACT In4Green Project.

The aim of the project is to create an integrated action plan (IAP) in partnership with an URBACT Local Group (ULG), comprised of local businesses, community groups, elected representatives and MCC Departments.

At present, the draft IAP has been submitted for expert review and comment. The next ULG meeting is scheduled for the 2nd of December.

Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC)

33 Sustainable Energy Communities have been formed within County Meath.

10 Sustainable Energy Communities have completed Energy Management Plans, these are now available on Meath County Councils website at the following link **Sustainable Energy Communities | Meath.ie**

SECs forming – Meath GAA and Navan

Energy Management Plans Progressing – Slane and Ratoath

Climate Action and SDG Month Continues

26 events scheduled including energy and information clinics, EcoChic clothes swap, green business networking events, beach cleans batch cooking demos. All events are free and details are available at the following link - **Events | Meath.ie**

Date	Time	Event	Location
15/10/2025	2pm and 6pm	Batch Cooking with Catherine Silvio	Navan – Ardboyne Hotel
15/10/2025	10am - 1pm	LEO Information Session	Dunshaughlin - Dunshaughlin Hub
16/10/2025	5pm - 8pm	EcoChic Event - Clothing Swap, Sewing Workshop, Sashiko Workshop	Ashbourne - Pillo Hotel
16/10/2025	1.30pm - 4pm	Furniture Repair Café - Furniture Repair Café with Sam Agus Nessa	Ratoath - Ratoath Community Centre
16/10/2025 & 17/10/2025	All Day	National PPN Conference – Climate Action, Community Circular Economy Plan and CCAP Dunshaughlin Community Centre, Trim Keep Cup Project Awareness	Trim - Trim Castle Hotel
18/10/2025	11am - 3pm	Play it Green: Meath GAA - Family-friendly event with guest speakers, biodiversity & upcycling workshops, Meath GAA players signing, sports gear clothes swap	Dunganny GAA
18/10/2025	9am - 10.30am	Bettystown Big Beach Clean & Stream Clean	Bettystown Beach

18/10/2025	10am	Hugelkultur Workshop - Gardeners Dynamic with Klaus Laitenberger, the Organic Gardener, for a workshop on Hugelkultur beds and how to build them.	Old Kilsyre Schoolhouse
21/10/2025	7pm	Energy Clinic	Dunboyne Library
23/10/2025	4pm - 7pm	EcoChic Event - Clothing Swap, Sewing Workshop, Sashiko Workshop	Dunshaughlin St. Patrick's Hall
25/10/2025	2pm	Energy Clinic	Navan Library
30/10/2025	7pm	Energy Clinic	Dunshaughlin Library
13/11/2025	7pm	Energy Clinic	Ratoath GAA
20/11/2025	7pm	Energy Clinic	Kells Library
25/11/2025	7pm	Energy Clinic	Bettystown Library

Community Climate Action Programme Fund



Phase 1

13 Projects are now complete, with the remaining 12 in progress.

Phase 2

Applications are open from Monday 13th October 2025 (noon) and will close on Tuesday 9th December (noon) for Community Climate Action Programme Phase 2 to Meath County Council.

54 community groups have contacted the Community Climate Action Officer with an expression of interest to put projects forward for the fund.

The Toy Library

Our Third Toy Library event took place in Trim GAA Club on Saturday 20th September. Thanks to the community coming together, this was another successful event, and we supported new milestones for The Toy Library: it was the first time THE Toy Library surpassed 200kg of plastic recirculated, as

well as the first time they had more than 300 toys recirculated in a single event! A powerful reminder of what local collaboration can achieve.
Here are the highlights from the day:

- 80 attendees took part
- 334 toys recirculated, given a new life
- 245.3kg of toys diverted from waste
- 220.8kg of plastic saved
- 1,324.6kg of CO_2 saved, equal to 5,519km of driving emissions avoided
- €5,213 worth of toys recirculated back into the community

The Toy Library is a free event designed to promote toy reuse, reduce waste, and encourage Circular Economy principles in communities. Our final event will take place on 6th December 2025 from 11am-2pm in Simonstown GFC, Proudstown Road, Navan, Co. Meath, Ireland and will be Christmas Themed.



IKC3 Project

We had over 50 participants in our first in person session in September with positive feedback from all attendees. The subject for Month 1 was Systems Change for Climate Action where the group

- Recognises the systemic nature of climate change
- Demonstrate why climate, biodiversity and social justice need to be integrated in decision making
- Practice using systems thinking tools to identify local climate challenges
- Reflect on climate, biodiversity and social challenges in your local context



Month 2 will cover Circular Design for Climate Action.

Energy

Public Lighting

- PLEEP project as commenced June. Approx. 15% completed to date. December 2026 still target completion date.

Fleet

- Temporary 7kW EV Chargers installed in Blackwater Park and Nobber Depots.
- Tender for the supply and install of chargers for 7 depots is currently up on e-tenders, closing on 30th Sept.
- Radiators in Dunshaughlin and Kells Depots have been upgraded to programable eco models over the summer.

Environment Awareness

The Green Schools Seminar for Teachers



The Green Schools Seminar for Teachers in Meath took place on 16th September.

Teachers from across the County attended the event that provided key information and dates for all participating schools for the 2025/26 school year. Individual seminars were provided for each of the themes, allowing participants to ask questions, share answers and to network with their colleagues in other schools who are working on the same theme.

Themes include:

- Litter and Waste
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Travel
- Energy
- Marine Environment
- Global Citizenship

The Green Schools Awards will take place in May 2026, where new flags will be awarded to schools who achieve the high standards required of the worldwide Green Schools initiative.

Re-Turn Bin Surrounds in Navan



42 new Bin Surrounds have been installed in Navan Town Centre. This is a collaboration between Meath County Council and Re-Turn, and will allow citizens to make sustainable choices for their drinks containers when they are on the move. The objective is to foster a cleaner and more

sustainable environment, advocating for on-the-go recycling options, and promoting a low-carbon future. This initiative will facilitate positive, sustainable and impactful change, putting Navan on the map as a leader in sustainability.

Animal & Food Controls Update

The transfer of services undertaken by Local Authorities under its SLA with the FSAI over to the DAFM has been further extended to end of October.

The Environment Department published a tender for the provision of Dog Shelter Management Services.

Libraries Services



Local Studies

At an event on Sunday 28 September in Drumconrath Parish Centre organised by Drunconrath Cultural & Heritage Society, Larry Ward presented a very rare original copy of *The Rural Harp* (1861) by Patrick Reilly to Meath County Council Library Service. The event included songs, recitations and speeches by, amongst others, Mary Duff, Professor Lori Beckett, Deirdre Gilsenan, and the event was ably M.C.ed by John Cunningham.

Larry Ward has been a champion of Reilly's work for many years, and his book *Patrick Reilly: The Bard of Balnavoran 1825-1895* was published in 2010. The Reilly volume will be catalogued and made available to researchers and historians to consult in the Local Studies room of the County Library in Navan.'



Archives

Rathkenny National School was closed this autumn after over 120 years in operation. Fifty volumes of National School roll books, daily report books and a rare 'List of Practical Rules' for teachers were donated to Meath County Archive upon their closure. These records will be an invaluable source for genealogical and social research.



Children's Book Festival

The annual Children's Book Festival takes place every October. In Meath the festival runs from Wednesday 1st to Friday 24th October and the programme includes a range of events, classes, quizzes, competitions and workshops with authors, illustrators and facilitators. To ensure all schools can participate, the programme includes some pre-recorded and online events too.

This festival is part of the national Right to Read initiative.

Finance



Housing Loans:

LAHL Data 1st January 2025 to 17th October 2025		
Applications Received	35	2025 applications
Fully Completed Applications	29	2025 applications
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	0	
Invalid Applications	7	2025 applications
Awaiting Further Information from applicants	2	2025 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	20	19 relate to 2025, 1 relates to 2024
Refused by Credit Committee	5	2025 applications
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	2	2 relate to 2025
Active Approvals	10.57	8.83 relate to 2025, 0.7 relate to 2024, 1.04 relate to 2023
Expired	20	5 relate to 2025, 15 relate to 2024
Drawdown by Customer	13.26	6.17 relate to 2025, 5.3 relate to 2024, 1.79 relate to 2023

Figures above related to activity from 1st January 2025 to 17th October 2025 and in some cases relate to applications from 2023 and 2024. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases.