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Monthly Management Report for Elected Members

July 2026

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, 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

Próiseas Pleanála Teanga – An Uaimh & Baile Átha Buí – Bailte Seirbhíse Gaeltachta

Tá Foras na Gaeilge tar éis Comhairle Contae na Mí a ceapadh mar cheanneagraíocht le haghaidh plean teanga a ullmhú do bhailte seirbhíse Gaeltachta an Uaimh agus Baile Átha Buí.

Chuir Comhairle Contae na Mí iarratas isteach i mí Aibreáin 2026 le bheith aitheanta mar cheanneagraíocht don phróiseas pleanála teanga a bhaineann leis an dá bhaile agus tar éis próiseas measúnaithe, d'éirigh leo ina n-iarratas. Aithnítear An Uaimh agus Baile Átha Buí mar bhailte seirbhíse Gaeltachta faoi Acht na Gaeltachta 2012.

Language Planning Process -Navan & Athboy – Gaeltacht Service Towns

Meath County Council has been appointed by Foras na Gaeilge as the lead organisation to prepare a language plan for the Gaeltacht Service towns of Navan and Athboy.

Meath County Council submitted an application in April 2026 for to be recognised as the lead organisation for the language planning process concerning the two towns and following an assessment process, they were successful in their application. Navan and Athboy are recognised as Gaeltacht service towns under the Gaeltacht Act 2012.

Minister Calleary Marks Sod Turning in Kilcloon and Opens Restored Kells Printing Works



Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, visited County Meath on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, where he met with senior management from Meath County Council to discuss ongoing projects and priorities for the county. During the visit, the Minister joined then Cathaoirleach Cllr Wayne Harding and Chief Executive Kieran Kehoe for a series of key engagements highlighting investment in community and heritage infrastructure.

A significant milestone was marked in Kilcloon with the official sod turning for a new €2.8 million community centre. The development will provide a modern, multi-purpose hub featuring a large hall, meeting rooms, youth space and essential amenities, supporting a wide range of activities and strengthening community life in the area.

The Minister also officially opened the restored Kells Printing Works, a landmark project with an investment of €1.8 million. Delivered through a collaborative, multi-year effort involving the local community, artists and Meath County Council, the facility has sensitively preserved its historic character while creating a vibrant, modern space. The Printing Works will now operate as a creative and educational hub, supporting arts engagement, heritage education and cultural tourism, and offering workshops, exhibitions and hands-on experiences for visitors of all ages.

Cllr Sarah Reilly Elected Cathaoirleach at Meath County Council's Annual Meeting



At the Annual Meeting of Meath County Council on Monday, 8 June 2026, Cllr Sarah Reilly of the Kells Municipal District (MD) was elected Cathaoirleach for the first time, succeeding Cllr Wayne Harding (Laytown/Bettystown MD), who concluded his term and formally handed over the chains of office.

Cllr Alan Tobin (Ashbourne MD) was also elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach, taking over the role from Cllr Caroline O'Reilly (Ratoath MD), marking the completion of the annual leadership transition at county level.

New Local Lens Episode Showcases Tourism Growth Across the Boyne Valley

The latest episode of Meath County Council's *Local Lens* podcast (released in June 2026), titled *"Celebrating the Boyne Valley,"* highlights the continued growth of tourism in the county and its positive impact on local businesses and the wider economy.



Featuring Tourism Officer Emma Gill, the episode explores the breadth of Meath's tourism offering and ongoing efforts to encourage visitors to extend their stay and experience more of the Boyne Valley, from its heritage assets to its expanding outdoor activities. Contributions from Head of Economic & Business Development Majella Farrell emphasise the strong economic role of tourism, festivals and cultural events in supporting jobs and investment across the county.

The episode also includes insights from Deirdre Murtagh of Causey Farm, who reflects on building a successful tourism enterprise in Meath and the value of local collaboration. The podcast is available on all major platforms.

Minister Lawless Visits Thrive Centre to Discuss Growth and Innovation in Meath

On Thursday, 11 June 2026, Meath County Council welcomed Minister James Lawless to the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence, where he met with An Cathaoirleach Cllr Sarah Reilly and members of the senior management team.



The visit provided an opportunity to engage on key priorities for the county, including supporting economic growth, advancing innovation and continuing to build strong, sustainable communities. The discussion highlighted the importance of partnership between local and national government in progressing strategic initiatives and delivering meaningful outcomes for the people of Meath.

Redeveloped Enfield Community Hall Officially Opened Following Major Investment



Meath County Council officially opened the newly redeveloped Enfield Community Hall on Friday, 12 June 2026, following a major refurbishment project valued at over €900,000.

Delivered in partnership with the Enfield Development Group, the project has transformed the previously vacant building into a modern, multi-purpose community facility. Works included the restoration of original timber flooring, refurbishment of the stage, installation of energy-efficient systems, and the addition of a new upstairs meeting space.

The redevelopment was supported by €500,000 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, with additional contributions from Meath County Council and the local community.

The project represents a significant investment in local infrastructure, providing a welcoming space for community activities, events and programmes, and supporting the continued development of a vibrant and connected community in Enfield.

Blackwater River Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Officially Opened in Navan

Meath County Council, in partnership with the Fitzwilliam Group, has officially opened the new Blackwater River pedestrian and cycle bridge in Navan, marking a key milestone in the town's active travel infrastructure.



The project delivers a high-quality, traffic-free link between Navan Town Centre, Blackwater Park and surrounding residential areas, incorporating new footpaths, cycleways and public lighting. Designed to enhance connectivity and accessibility, the bridge encourages walking and cycling while improving access to local amenities.

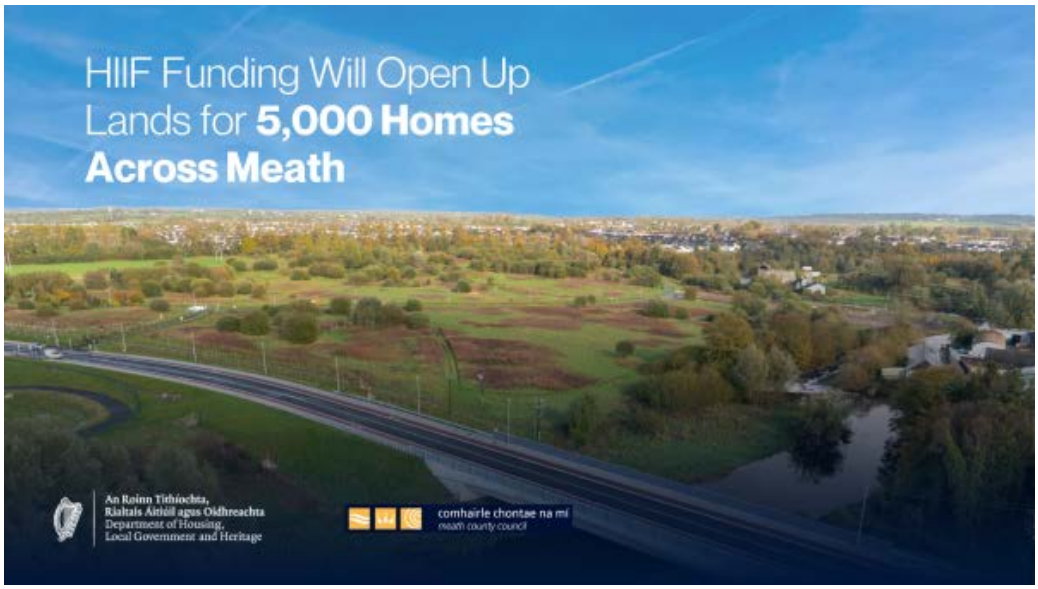
This development represents a significant step in promoting sustainable travel and supporting the continued growth and vibrancy of Navan.

HIIF Funding to Unlock Delivery of Up to 15,000 Homes in Meath

In June, Meath County Council welcomed new support under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF), which will enable the development of lands for almost 5,000 new homes across the county.

The funding will support five key infrastructure projects, including the delivery of over 4km of distributor roads, helping to unlock strategically important development lands for housing.

This investment builds on the objectives of the current Development Plan and has the potential to facilitate up to 15,000 homes over its lifetime, supporting sustainable growth and addressing housing need across Meath.



New Longwood Playground Opens as Investment in Community Wellbeing

Meath County Council marked the official opening of the new Longwood Playground on Thursday, 18 June 2026, providing an important amenity for children, families and the wider community.

Located on the Longwood Fairgreen, the playground offers a modern, inclusive space featuring 19 pieces of play and interactive equipment. The project also included wider infrastructure improvements, such as upgraded footpaths, a new pedestrian crossing with traffic calming measures, and enhancements to the adjacent car park to improve accessibility and safety.



Corporate Governance

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

The following are the number of requests received in Q2 2026:

FOI	Requests	Internal Reviews	Appeals to OIC
Q2 - 2026	71	12	1

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

The following are the Q2 2026 statistics relating to Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) requests:

AIE	Requests	Internal Reviews	Appeals to OCEI
Q2- 2026	12	0	1

The Council's Data Protection Unit (DPU) continues to carry out significant work across the organisation to ensure compliance with the GDPR and Data Protection Acts. The following are the Q2 2026 statistics relating to Data Subject Access Requests - DSAR's:

Subject Access Requests	**SAR's**
Q2- 2026	14

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			
Main Street, Ashbourne	60	Q3 2027	Q1 2029
Blackcastle House, Navan	100	Q3 2027	Q3 2029
Robinstown	3	Q1 2027	Q1 2028
Riverside, Carnaross	5	Q1 2027	Q1 2028
Trim Road, Balreask	4	Q1 2027	Q1 2028
Friars Park, Trim	4	Q1 2027	Q1 2028
Church Street, Kells	3	Q1 2027	Q1 2028
Total	**179**		
PART 8 PLANNING & DETAILED DESIGN			
Ratoath Age Friendly Development	14	Q1 2027	Q3 2028
Johnstown Town Centre	21	Q2 2027	Q4 2028
Kells, Archdeaconry	22	Q1 2027	Q1 2028
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	47	Q2 2027	Q2 2029
Planning & Design Total	**104**		
TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION			
Church View, Rathmolyon	22	Q4 2026	Q2 2028
Haggard Street, Trim	4	Q3 2026	Q3 2027
Total Tender for Construction	**28**		

CONSTRUCTION STAGE			
Abbott Mews, Abbeylands, Navan	6	Q3 2025	Q1 2027
Blackhill Crescent, Donacarney	2	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Construction Total	51		
OVERALL TOTAL	**183**		
COMPLETED UNITS			**Completion Date**
Rathaldron Court, Navan	**27**		**24/02/2026**
Pitcher Lane, Kells	**5**		**27/04/2026**
Brews Hill, Navan	**12**		**20/06/2026**
Newtown, Drumconrath	1		21/06/2026

Meath County Council Approved Capital Assistance Scheme, Part V & Turnkey up to 19th June 2026.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ashbourne	Part V	31
Athboy	Part V	4
Ballivor	Part V	2
Bettystown	Part V	4
Drogheda	Part V	26
Dunboyne	Part V	59
Dunshaughlin	Part V	38
Enfield	Part V	4
Kells	Part V	12
Kilcock	Part V	2
Longwood	Part V	12
Navan	Part V	76
Oldcastle	Part V	13
Rathmolyon	Part V	9
Ratoath	Part V	39
Summerhill	Part V	7
Trim	Part V	33
Kells	Turnkey	8
Navan	Turnkey	62
Navan	CAS	12
Slane	CAS	1
Trim	CAS	2
Oldcastle	CAS	6
Total		**462**

Meath County Council Approved Capital Assistance Scheme, Part V & Turnkey – Delivered as at the 19th June 2026.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ashbourne	Part V	13
Drogheda	Part V	4
Dunshaughlin	Part V	1
Enfield	Part V	22
Kells	Part V	1
Kilcock	Part V	2
Ratoath	Part V	2
Summerhill	Part V	14
Drogheda	Turnkey	30
Total		**89**

Affordable Housing Delivery

Meath County Council currently have 3 affordable housing schemes open for applications.

- Cherryvalley Rathmolyon – 8 units, portal opened on 30th April 2026 at 12 noon, assessing applications, 7 allocated.
- Bennetstown Dunboyne – 60 units, portal opened 7th May 2026 12 noon, assessing applications, 40 allocated
- Gilson Avenue Oldcastle - 3 units –portal opened 25th June
- Brackinrainey Wood Longwood – 4 units – portal live July 2nd
- The Hollies Ballivor – 2 units – portal live on July 9th
- The Furrows Ratoath – 14 units – portal live on July 16th

Upcoming Schemes approved by the Department

- Cluain Lionn Grove, Oldcastle 6 units Q4 2026
- Coach, Ashbourne 92 units Q1 2027

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)

The Department has confirmed that €227,734.37 in unpaid claims for works completed in 2025 must be deducted from the 2026 LAAWS allocation. After this deduction, the available funding and current commitments for 2026 are set out below.

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Status of LAAWS for 2026		**Funding (90% including VAT)**
LAAWS Funding Grant 90% including VAT		€ 633,608.00
Total completed brought forward from 2025	18	€ 227,734.37
Total No. to date of applications for 2026	101	
Applications awaiting works to date for 2026	58	
Works underway	18	€ 155,685.54
Works completed to date in 2026	25	€ 244,472.11
Remaining funding		**€ 5,715.11**

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

Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for Older People and People with Disability				
Claim Period	Claim Amount €	Individual Grant	Recoupable	
Jan- Feb 26	€612,974.63	77	€520,084.91	Up to End of Feb
Mar April 26	€835,601.93	106	€710,261.69	Up to End of April
May June 26	€468,248.44	55	€398,011.17	Up to 18th June 26
July Aug 26				
Sept Oct 26				
Nov Dec 26				
Total	€1,916,828.99	238	€1,628,357.77	

- 623 grants awarded totalling €5,155,247.02

PLUS - Active files ready to issue grant awards: -

- For recommendation 39 €296,027.40
- OVERALL TOTAL 662 €5,451,274.42

2026 Combined budget €5,674,071

Local Authority Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

Energy retrofit works on energy occupied properties are ongoing. To date 3 claims have been submitted for 32 properties which has been fully recouped from the department. Recent circulars from the Department necessitated a change in approach to energy retrofits on void properties. Energy retrofits will no longer be carried out on void properties and will only be carried out on occupied properties going forward. Similarly, only basic works will be carried out on void properties to bring them up to minimum rental standards.

Appointment of Obligated Parties is pending. These contractors will provide Meath Co Co with detailed energy reports to determine what retrofit works are required on the relevant property. When in place this tender should considerably speed up the time taken to receive energy reports on stock houses.

Local Authority Planned Maintenance

498 Stock Condition Surveys have been completed in Meath so far in 2026 (up to 15th June 2026). Information gathered from these surveys will form the basis of planned maintenance works.

Radon detectors are now being placed in stock houses. Collection of these detectors has commenced, and results are being received. Two houses so far have shown slightly higher than accepted levels of Radon, both houses are currently having works done to address this.

Contracts:

- A contractor has been appointed to carry out retrofit works in 3 houses in Cherryhill Court, Kells – pre-works have commenced here.
- Appointment of a contractor to survey houses in Blackwater Park, Enfield for firestops is imminent.
- Appointment of a contractor for the energy upgrade works in Claremont Estate, Navan is imminent.
- Appointment of a contractor for the energy upgrade works in Magdelene Court, Kells is imminent

Documents are being prepared for tender for the following:

- St Mary's Villas, Donore – energy upgrades on 11 houses
- St Benildus Villas, Navan – energy upgrades on 4 houses

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 (55 no.) before they can be re-tenanted, as of 15th June 2026.

	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	1	4	5	3
Navan	5	7	13	22	3
Ashbourne	1	1	0	0	2
Laytown/Bettystown	5	1	1	4	3
Ratoath	1	1	0	2	0
Trim	6	3	2	6	5
TOTALS	**21**	**14**	**20**	**39**	**16**

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

Project Name	No. of Units	AHB	Estimated Completion
Bailey Hill, Navan	5	Cluid - CALF	Q4 2026
Dunboyne Heights, Dunboyne	50	Iveagh Trust - CALF	Q1 2027
Frederick Court Ashbourne	26	Tuath - CALF	Q3 2026
An Dreoilin, Block B, Bettystown Town Centre	46	Tuath - CALF	Q4 2026
Oldcastle	5	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	Q3 2027
Oldcastle	1	DePaul Housing - CAS	Q3 2026
Slane	1	St. John of Gods	Q1 2027
Tailteann, Navan	12	Meath Women's Refuge - CAS	Q3 2028
St. Loman Street, Trim	2	Saint Vincent de Paul - CAS	Q2 2027
Total Number of Approved Units	**148**		

Homelessness – May 2026

	Single Adults / Couples	Households with Children	Total Households
Placements at 30th April 2026	181 (190 Adults)	83 (120 Adults & 154 Children)	264
Placements at 31st May 2026	193 (202 Adults)	84 (123 Adults & 152 Children)	277

Of the households with children, 74 families are placed in short-term private rented accommodation (house/apartment) through the Settlement Team's intervention, 10 Families in Family Hubs.

96% bed allocations were availed of by service users

4% beds were available (Kells, Athboy, Navan, 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.

45 Presentations on homelessness were made. This comprised 9 Families.

Reason for EA Presentations	Total Numbers
NTQ	18
Family Circumstance	10
Hospital | Prison | Care	11
Couch Surfing | Cannot Afford	6
Rough Sleeping	0
Other	0
Total	45

EA Exit Figures:

- **Families:**
  - 7 Families exited EA in May. This comprised 9 Adults & 10 Children in May.

Reason for EA Family Exit	Total Numbers
MCC Allocation	1
Not availing of Bed	0
Return to Family / Friend	0
HAP	1
Private Rented	0
Other	0
AHB Allocation	5
Total	7

- **Singles/Couples:**
  - 13 Singles/Couples exited EA in May.

Reason for EA Singles/Couples Exit	Total Numbers
MCC Allocation	0
Not availing of Bed	5
Return to Family / Friend	1
HAP	1

Private Rented	1
Hospital/Treatment/Prison	0
Terminated	4
Other	1
Declined EA	0
AHB Allocation	0
Total	**13**

Age profile of clients in emergency accommodation on 31/05/2026

Age profile	Clients	0-4	04-11	11-18	18-25	25-40	40-65	Over 65
Families	**123**				**30**	**58**	**35**	**0**
Couples	**16**				**5**	**3**	**6**	**2**
Singles	**186**				**38**	**47**	**90**	**11**
Children	**152**	**61**	**60**	**31**				
Total	**477**	**61**	**60**	**31**	**73**	**108**	**131**	**13**

Homeless HAP Placefinder 01/05/2026 – 31/05/2026

Total	**2**
Exit from Emergency Accommodation	0
Homeless Prevention	2
In Progress	5

Tenant Liaison Team May 2026

Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation	Complaints	Cases
Frequent serious disturbances	**73**	**36**
Occupancy of dwelling	**95**	**60**
Garden upkeep/maintenance	**64**	**42**
Dog/Horse/Pet Control	**3**	**3**
Total	**235**	**141**

ASB Investigations on going at (month end)	**99**
ASB Investigations completed (month end)	**42**

Number of Pre Tenancies completed in May 2026	**19**
Abandonments for May 2026	**1**
Houses taken back into stock for May 2026	**4**

Warnings Issued 2026

Warnings	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
Verbal	**1**	**6**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Written	**2**	**4**	**0**	**5**	**0**
2nd Written	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Statutory	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Advisory	**34**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total	**38**	**10**	**2**	**8**	**1**

Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme						
2026	Applications Received	Invalid	Offers Issued	Offers Accepted	File to Solicitor	Sale Closed
January	6	0	1	2	2	2
February	6	0	3	2	2	1
March	1	0	2	1	0	3
April	4	0	3	1	1	0
May	4	0	5	0	0	3
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	21	0	14	6	5	9

Standards in Rented Accommodation

1614 Inspections were carried out on rented properties in Meath up to the end of May 2026. Of this figure, 730 were first inspections and 81 properties passed after their first inspection. 98 Improvement Notices and 16 Prohibition Notices were served in YTD. 29 Improvement Notices have been withdrawn in YTD as the matters referred to in the Improvement Notices were remedied.

Subsequent follow up inspections will be carried out to ensure compliance.

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Inspection	499	324	325	268	198								1614
1st Inspect	222	154	142	131	81								730
Passed 1st	19	28	21	13	9								75
Improve N	21	30	27	8	9								98
Withdrawn	2	6	8	6	6								29
Prohibition	5	8	3	0	1								17

Social Housing Supports - for period 1st May 2026 – 31st May 2026

- 146 applications received for Social Housing
- 74 applications approved onto the Social Housing List
- 26 applications unsuccessful

Outlined below is the number of households that have had their accommodation needs met by Meath County Council in the period 1st May 2026 – 31st May 2026.

Allocations/Housing Supports	**Number**
MCC Direct Allocations	20
Transfers	3
Approved Housing Bodies	7
Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)	1
Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	12
Long Term Leasing (inc Private MTR)	1
Mortgage To Rent (Approved Housing Bodies)	0
TOTAL	**44**

Transportation Services



1. National Roads

Funding Source	**TII**
Grant Allocation	**8,816,244**
Scheme	**Update**
N51 Dunmoe Phase 2 - €2.7M	Snagging work remain in progress, with completion still anticipated in the coming weeks.
N2 Slane Bypass & Public Realm Enhancement Scheme - €650K	High Court Hearing took place on the 15th and 16th of January 2026. A decision on the Judicial Review came out on the 28th of April dismissing the challenge from Mr John Rogers. On May the 11th Mr Rogers stated his intent to apply for leave to appeal. A hearing date for the leave to appeal application will take place at 2pm on the 23rd of June 2026.
N52 Grange to Clontail - €2.0M	Land & Property Valuer- Avison Young Appointed. Follow-up ecology walkover surveys ongoing from May - July. Final tender documents for Archaeology services contract drafted and under review with TII. Tender documents are being prepared for proof Topographical survey. Land compensation agreements ongoing – 1 case now agreed.
N52MH_034.0 Balrath Cross RSIS	Design report currently being progressed.
N51 Tullaghanstown Bog Rampart Scheme	Phases 1 to 4 – tender documents for consultancy services issued.
N51 Pavement Schemes	Proposals being prepared for submission to TII.

2. Non - National Roads

Funding Source	**DoT**
Grant Allocation	**€26,862,000**

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

Grant Allocation	€14,672,500 Restoration Improvement €3,467,000 Restoration Maintenance €750,000 Strategic Rehabilitation Regional Road (Former National Road)
Own Resources (Local tertiary roads)	€9,278,630 Local Tertiaries €450,000 Community Involvement Scheme €327,369 Restoration Maintenance
Total	**€10,055,999**
Scheme	Update
Phase 1 (Recycle, Overlay & Surface Dressing):	13 schemes complete
Phase 2 (Surface Dressing):	30 schemes complete
Phase 3 (Overlay & Surface Dressing):	12 schemes complete
Phase 4 (Wearing Course):	4 schemes complete
Community Involvement Scheme	Programme selection complete – offer letters issued
Local Tertiaries	Programme selection complete
Local Improvement Schemes	Programme selection complete

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

Grant Allocation	**€1,225,000**
Scheme	Update
R156/R125 Mullagh Cross	Detail design and discussions re land acquisition progressing. Draft tender documents for construction contract expected Q3 2026.
R155 Curragha	Tender for Consultants received and being reviewed.

R132 Julianstown Traffic Relief Scheme	Option Selection process progressing. Public Consultation re Option Selection due 8th July 2026.
L6210 Newtownmoyaghy	Further Information requested by An Coimisiún Pleanála issued 14th May 2026 and on public display until 6th July 2026.
R108 / L16111 Bey More Junction safety scheme	Emerging preferred Option identified and initial engagement underway with directly affected landowners.

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

Grant Allocation	**€500,000**
Scheme	**Update**
L-5018 Ballybin	Proposals currently being finalised and landowner agreement being negotiated.
L-16111 Platin (Mounthanover Junction)	Works at L16111/L56131 Junction (Mounthanover Junction) substantially complete.
R-152 Platin	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-147 Tara (Ross X)	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-147 Philpotstown (Garlow X)	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-148 Kilmurry	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-152 Duleek at Prioryland	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-154 Piercetown	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-162 Lisnagrow	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-159 Rathmolyon	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-152 Riverstown	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-152 Keenoge	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-159 Jordanstown	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-161 Balgill	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
R-161 Manorland	Location is being reviewed and options being considered
L-1006 Cabinhill	Location is being reviewed and options being considered

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

Grant Allocation	**€742,000**
Scheme	**Update**
BAMS Bridge Inventory and Maintenance Inspection (2025)	2026 inspections ongoing
L16011 Verdons Bridge	Works commenced 10th June 2026. L16011 Lougher Road closed.
L3405 Aclare Bridge	Contractor appointed. Works scheduled to commence 13th July 2026. Closure required of L3405.
L28013 Graultys Bridge	Contractor appointed. Works commenced 15th June 2026. L28014 closed.
R164 Piercetown Bridge	Works contract tender assessment ongoing
L6833 Ballybeg Bridge	Consultants appointed
L8603 Edengora Bridge	Consultants appointed
Minor Bridges Works	Minor bridge works and repairs ongoing on various bridges around the county

2 (e) Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works

Grant Allocation	**€205,000**
Scheme	**Update**
R160 Clongowan €185,000	Consultant's Road Remediation Design Options Report received 17th June 2026.
Headfort Park €40,000.00	AA screening report for further works on-going
L-80045-5 Church Road, Athboy €25,000	Works near completion
R130 Greenogue Flood Alleviation Scheme €80,000.00	Tender report signed off work will commence in due course
R108 Clintstown Flood Alleviation Scheme €80,000.00	Tender report signed off work will commence in due course

L-34036 Kearnstown, Drunconrath €25,000.00	Pricing of works ongoing

2. (f) Former National Road Rehabilitation Works

Grant Allocation	**€750,000.00**
Scheme	**Update**
R-147-36 Navan to Kells Road at Martry	Tender under evaluation

3. Active Travel Grants

Funding Source	**NTA**
Grant Allocation	€10M allocated for 2026
Scheme	**Update**
NA1: R147 Martha's Bridge to Circular Road	The MB2CR scheme continues to progress with substantial completion of sections of footpaths, kerbing, drainage and public lighting infrastructure across key sections. Significant milestones have been achieved, including completion of the Swan River culvert structure and the ESB overhead relocation works along Swan Lane adjacent to the Ardboyne Hotel. Good progress has also been made on retaining wall and boundary works in the Swan Lane area. Cycle track construction is progressing well, with surfacing completed in sections and remaining areas advancing through subbase and finishing stages. Academy Street junction works are largely complete, and the reopening of the southern footpath represents a positive step in improving local accessibility. Focus for the next phase will be on completing remaining cycle infrastructure, in-road junction works during the summer holidays, boundary treatments, and final finishes, while maintaining traffic management and stakeholder coordination.
NA1: R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout	The Consultant continues to progress the preliminary design work, incorporating previous comments issued by Meath County Council on the LDR4 tie-in towards Blackwater Retail Park.

Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme	Flower Hill Public Realm Enhancement Scheme The Consultant is continuing to finalise the drawings and documents for the upcoming Part 8 process. Flowerhill Roundabout The Consultant has completed the detailed design and Tender Pack. Potential funding, resources and delivery time scales are continuing to be explored. N51-R147 Updated layouts for the junctions at the R147/N51 and Ratholdren Road were prepared. Draft TII reports were updated to reflect the revised option.
Navan Public Realm: Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation	The Consultant is updating documents in preparation for a pre-Part 8 presentation to Councillors at Navan MD. An application has been made for URDF funding for the proposed scheme.
Navan Contract 5: Fairgreen, Church Hill, Bakery Lane, Old Cornmarket, Preston Place and Fairgreen Carpark.	The contractor continued to address snag items during this period. Outstanding work items continued to be addressed. Works on Bakery Lane and Trimgate Street related to ESB were completed. Works are progressing well on the steps at Preston Place from Kennedy Plaza.
Convent Road to Metges Road & Trim Road: Beechmount to Balreask Manor Active Travel Schemes	The Consultant continued with preliminary design work on a 'shared space' option on the Kentstown Road section, linking Elm Park with Bothar Hodgett.
Trim Road Phase 2 – Circular Road Solstice Roundabout to R147	Detailed design is completed, and the tender package has been issued for pricing.
Tara Na Ri Junction Upgrade	Preliminary design drawings are being prepared for the traffic calming scheme.
Trim Road Phase 3 - Beechmount to Balreask Manor	The Consultant has commenced a review of available background documents in preparation for the commencement of the detailed design.
Trim Road Phase 4 Balreask Manor to Borallion Junction	GA drawings have been produced reflecting a review of topographical survey data and are with MCC for review.

Dunboyne and Clonee Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme	Part 8 planning permission for the Dunboyne to Clonee Active Travel Links Scheme was adopted with modification at the January 2026 Ratoath MD Meeting. Tenders have been assessed for engineering consultancy services for the detailed design of the scheme. Appointment of Consultant in process. Work is progressing on the next section of the overall Dunboyne active travel network to be brought forward for Part 8 planning approval, which includes Rooske Road, Mill Farm, Navan Road, soccer club footpath, R157 bypass, Greenway and Castle Stream Greenway.
Castle Street Ashbourne	Scheme has been extended to include Castle Way, St. Declan's NS and Alderbrook Road. Feasibility and route options selection report being workshopped with the NTA prior to finalising the route.
Johnstown Village Active Travel Scheme	Preliminary design for the public realm, active travel, Mrs Butterly's community facility and adjacent residential development currently being progressed. Preliminary design presented to the Navan MD Meeting in May. Working towards lodgement of a Part 8 application in July.
Eastham Road Cycle Facilities	Continuing work on the required enabling or advance works contract, as well as liaison with landowners on agreements.
Newtown Road, Trim footpath	Civil works are almost complete, with energisation of new and improved public lighting awaited.
Bus Stop Improvement Programme	Award of contract for proposed works to 40 new and upgraded bus stops in progress with NTA approval confirmed.
Safe Routes to School	
Round 2 St Colmcilles and Our Lady Of Mercy, Kells	Part 8 application lodged for 750m long permeability link to Gardenrath Road, proposals on public display until the end of June.

Round 3 Schools Duleek Boys' National School, Scoil Naomh Seachnall, St Oliver Plunkett's National School Navan St Paul's National School, Navan	The Delivery Plans for each school have been finalised, and procurement of a technical consultant is underway.
Round 4 Schools Gilson National School, Oldcastle Navan Educate Together NS Scoil Naomh Bríde, Boardsmill St Ultan's NS Bohermeen	Meath County Council have met with An Taisce, which administers the Safe Routes to School programme and all the schools to discuss issues at each school. Parent surveys have been completed.

4. Roads & Sustainable Transport Schemes

Funding Source	**Primarily DoT & NTA**
Grant Allocation	(covered under TII)
Kilberry to Greenway Footpath & Gibbstown Car Park	Works are now complete, with snagging works remaining.
Greenway Resurfacing	Works are now complete, with snagging works remaining.
Boyne Greenway	
Navan to Oldbridge	Extensive ecological, environmental and archaeological surveys are continuing over the Summer which will be necessary to support the development application. Engagement with landowners and stakeholders is progressing in developing the design.

5.Other/Projects

Scheme	**Update**
Broadmeadow Riverwalk Ratoath	Works tendered returned, currently going through the tender evaluation. Works hoped to start in August.
Oldcastle Public Realm Scheme	Tobin Consultant Engineers Ltd. is actively progressing the detailed design. MCC are finalising the acquisition of land for a new car park to serve the town centre. RRDF application for funding being submitted late July.

Athboy Main Street Public Realm Scheme	Tobin Consultant Engineers appointed for the Athboy Main Street Public Realm scheme. This scheme has been extended along the N51 to address known safety issues. Workshop held with the TII, feasibility report currently being developed for the TII.
Trim Pedestrian Bridge	Bridge manufacture at workshop 70% complete and works on site commenced. Currently expected new bridge will be installed and opened to the public by the end of Q3 2026.
Footpath Rehabilitation Programme	Works recently completed in Trim, Dunboyne and Ard Rí (Laytown-Bettystown MD). Tender award in progress for 2026 works in the Navan MD and Ashbourne MD.
New footpaths to Community Centres	Non-statutory public consultation underway for new footpath at Skyrne. Progressing design of footpath extensions at Millbrook, Oldcastle in progress.
New footpaths to Schools	Contractor to commence presently at Ughtyneill NS (Moynalty) and Gaelscoil Bhradain Feasa (Mornington). Non-statutory public consultation under was for footpath at Newtown Creevagh NS. Designs progressing on new footpaths at SN Ultan Naofa Baile Ghib, Kilbride NS (Trim MD).

6. URDF

Scheme	**Update**
Former Spicers Bakery, Rampart Carpark & Andy Brennan Park	No further updates since the last report
Frontage Improvement Works Flowerhill	Frontage Improvement Works began on the first property on 26th May, 2026 (predominately painting) and will continue in relation to further properties that are participating in the scheme. Consultations with all property owners will continue.

7. THRIVE

Scheme	**Update**
County Archive and Community Hub	Works stage 2 tender documents, tender assessment complete, clarification process on going

8. 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 the last report

9. Meath County Council Projects

Scheme	Update
New Library/Community Building, Amenity Area, and Age-Friendly Housing, Ratoath	An application has been made for URDF funding for the proposed scheme
Solstice – Frontage	No further updates since the last report

10. National Speed Limit Review

Scheme	Update
National Speed Limit Review	Ongoing due for completion June 2027

Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism



Meath Business Showcase

The Economic Development Team attended the Meath Business Showcase on 17th June in Citynorth Hotel joined by the LEO and Climate Action Team who both exhibited on the day. This was the first B2B networking event for Meath companies, organised through the County Meath Chamber and sponsored by Meath County Council, to connect SMEs, elevate local brand profiles, and build meaningful supplier relationships.





Shopfront Scheme

The Shopfront Improvement and Age Friendly Scheme closed on 31 May 2026 and has attracted strong interest across all municipal districts. More than 100 applications were received, showcasing the strong commitment of Meath businesses to upgrading their shopfronts and commercial facades and helping to create more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant towns and villages. The Economic Development team are currently processing eligible applications with decisions due over the next couple of weeks.

Meath Women in Biz & Tech Network



Meath LEO & Economic Development attended the Meath Women in Biz and Tech networking event in the Station House on Wednesday 10th June, with guest speakers Michelle Bennet, General Manager Boliden Tara Mines and Pamela Stone, CEO Respa. Managed by County Meath Chamber in partnership with Meath LEO, the aim of the Meath Women in Business & Technology network is to foster and encourage businesswomen to grow in enterprise, entrepreneurship and to share their experiences.

Skillnet Innovation Exchange launch in County Meath

On Thursday the 11th of June the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence hosted the official launch of the expansion of Skillnet Innovation Exchange into County Meath.

Joined by Minister James Lawless, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science of Ireland, this exciting new partnership between the Skillnet Innovation Exchange, the Mill Enterprise Hub and the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence will provide a dedicated resource to support and connect SMEs and corporates across the region, helping businesses embrace innovation and navigate digital transformation. The expansion into Co. Meath will create new opportunities for businesses across the region to collaborate, innovate, and scale.



LEO Activity Report

Grants Approved and Training June 2026

Grant Approved/Mentoring Sessions/Training	
Mentoring Assignments Approved	14
Attended Online Training Courses	21
Attended Digital Marketing Clinics	2
Attended Finance Advice Clinics	1
GREEN for Micro Applications	10
Digital for Business	3
LEAN for Micro	8
Energy Efficiency Grant	5

Best Start-Up at this year's National Enterprise Awards

Congratulations are in order for Meath company RYSE Chocolate, which has been named Best Start-Up at this year's National Enterprise Awards. Supported by Meath LEO, the company took home the national title at the awards ceremony held in the Round Room at the Mansion House in Dublin.

Founded by brothers-in-law Ian O'Rourke and David Stone, RYSE Chocolate has developed Europe's first caffeinated chocolate bar and is now preparing to expand into the UK and US markets.



Boyne Valley Tourism

Navan Midsummer Festival

The inaugural Navan Midsummer Festival took place from Thursday 18th to Sunday 21st of June, marking the summer solstice with a Celtic celebration of Navan and the wider Boyne Valley. Delivered by Meath County Council's Tourism Section, the programme included over 50 events, many free, spanning music, comedy, storytelling, children's activities and a Midsummer Market. The festival represents a new initiative for the town, with plans to build on its success in the years ahead.









Press

Boyne Valley Tourism hosted a journalist from the RTÉ Guide for a two-day visit to the region. A two-page feature was subsequently published in the 29th of May edition of the magazine, showcasing a range of Boyne Valley attractions, including Newgrange Farm, Slane Castle Viking Festival, Decoy Cottages, Caffrey's of Batterstown, The Snail Box in Ashbourne, and Stonewall Coffee in Trim.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Navan Mid-Summer Festival

Boyne Valley Flavours in conjunction with Boyne Valley Tourism and Meath County Council supported the delivery of the Navan Midsummer Festival including the Midsummer Market and other food-related events including the Tapas Trail event.

Website Development & AI Readiness
Work is ongoing to optimise the Boyne Valley Flavours website for AI itinerary planning and digital tourism discovery.

Boyne Valley Bites
Engagement continues with food service businesses as part of the Boyne Valley Bites initiative, strengthening links between producers and hospitality businesses and encouraging greater use of local produce on menus.
Current work includes business engagement, producer directory development, and photography.

Centre of Food Culture

Meet the Maker event Slane

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland held its third sold-out Meet the Maker event of the year with The Cider Mill in Slane on 7th June. This event marked the third of twelve events taking place across Ireland highlighting different crafts including beekeeping, cider making, brewing and cheesemaking.

Rural Regeneration



Derelict Sites	2026 total
Derelict Sites Register (no. of properties)	35
No. of statutory orders issued	20
CA - Derelict Sites Act - Completed in 2026	0
CA - Derelict Sites Act - Commenced in 2026	3

Vacant Homes	2026 total
Vacant Homes Identified	6
CPO - Housing Act - Completed in 2026	4
CPO - Housing Act - Commenced in 2026	4

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant	2026 total
Approved Applications	204
Approved in Principle Applications	83
Applications In Progress/Info Requested (not commenced)	19
Rejected Applications	6
Withdrawn Applications	87
Completed / Paid Applications	145
Total Applications Received	397
Total Paid Grant Funding	€7,834,953

Rural Regeneration Project Progress	Funding
Part 8 Process (June'26)	
Dunville Part 8 - Submission period closed	MCC
Bettystowm/Laytown Community Building & Park - Submission period closed	MCC
Works Commenced (June'26)	
Dunshaughlin Library - roof repairs and elements internal refurb	MCC
Roof Works to Athboy Community Centre	MCC/CRF
Balrathwood - Conservation & upgrade works	CLÁR
Repairs to Civil Defence Building	MCC

Works Completed (June'26)	
Fencing of commerical site sold at Liscarton	MCC

Community Development



Celebrating World Refugee Week 2026 in Meath

World Refugee Week at Bettystown Beach

World Refugee Week 2026 was marked by a series of coordinated activities led by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) and partner organisations across County Meath. The programme focused on promoting social inclusion, community participation, and meaningful engagement between residents of accommodation centres and the wider community.

A key highlight of the week was a community integration event held at Bettystown Beach. This event brought together 36 participants from four accommodation centres in east Meath and Navan, alongside local community representatives and volunteers from a wide range of organisations including sporting bodies, community groups, through inclusive sports and social activities, resulting in strong participation and positive engagement.

A meeting of the Meath Community Integration Forum was also held offsite at an International Protection accommodation centre, enabling direct engagement with residents and inputs from national agencies including the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and

Migration, and the Local Government Management Agency. The meeting provided an opportunity for local stakeholders to directly observe the work taking place on the ground and to engage with residents in an informal setting.

As part of the week's programme, Meath Public Participation Network (PPN) delivered a dedicated workshop focused on encouraging participation in community life. This session aimed to support integration by providing information on how individuals can become involved in local groups and decision-making structures, while also giving a platform to voices that are often underrepresented.

Overall, the activities delivered during World Refugee Week demonstrated a strong, coordinated approach to integration, combining practical engagement, community participation, and access to information. The programme created opportunities for sustained involvement in local activities and strengthened connections between communities and service providers.



WORLD REFUGEE WEEK AT BETTYSTOWN BEACH



MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FORUM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND MIGRATION WITH RESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT AT THE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FORUM MEETING IN WILKINSTOWN DURING WORLD REFUGEE WEEK.

World Refugee Week is an international initiative held annually to celebrate the resilience and contributions of refugees and to promote awareness, inclusion, and solidarity within host communities. In a local authority context, it provides a structured opportunity to showcase integration supports and to foster meaningful connections between new communities and the wider population.

Public Participation Network

The report for Meath PPN Plenary is available here.

The plenary serves as a critical forum for PPN member groups, providing a structured and inclusive platform to strengthen and enhance collaborative impact across the network. It enables member organisations to inform the workplan, share best practice, and collectively identify emerging challenges and opportunities within the community and voluntary sector.

An exploratory meeting was held with Jigsaw's Youth Advocacy group around opportunities for young people to participate in their communities. This meeting addressed the Five Ways to Wellbeing and supporting mental health. This meeting also discussed the potential for young people to be more involved with the PPN at a board level.

Meath PPN membership currently stands at 860, representing an increase of 6 groups since May.

PPN Pillar	No of Registrations - May 2026	No of Registrations - June 2026
Community Pillar	713	717
Environment Pillar	26	26
Social Inclusion Pillar	115	117
Total	854	860

Comhairle na nÓg

Meath Comhairle na nÓg members participated in Dáil na nÓg, which provides an important opportunity for young people to have their voices heard on national issues. A vote went to the participating young people on what they will be working on for the next two years via the incoming National Executives, with *Irish Language in schools* being the chosen theme.

Meath Comhairle na nÓg participated in a workshop with the Meath Local Community Safety Partnership as part of a series of consultations to support the development of the Meath Local Community Safety Plan, whereby valuable insights from the young people on community safety matters was gathered.

Meath Age Friendly

The Meath Age Friendly Alliance met on 21 May 2026 and reviewed ongoing delivery under the County Age Friendly Programme and associated supports for older people across transport, community services, education, and housing. Updates highlighted strong service utilisation (e.g. Local Link, befriending, education programmes) alongside continued interagency collaboration to improve accessibility, inclusion, and quality of life outcomes for older people.

Key Highlights

- Continued implementation of Age Friendly initiatives at local including OPC engagement, public consultations, and infrastructure improvements.
- High utilisation of transport, social support, and community programmes for older people, indicating strong demand and reach.
- Ongoing delivery of literacy, digital inclusion, and community education programmes with significant participation levels.
- Positive outcomes demonstrated through Healthy Age Friendly Homes supports, including housing adaptation, financial assistance, and improved access to services.

The next Meath Age Friendly Alliance meeting is scheduled for September.

Knockharley Community & Environmental Projects Grant Scheme (KCEPGS)

A meeting of the Knockharley Community Liaison Committee took place in the THRIVE Centre of Business Excellence on Wednesday 27th May. Agenda items included:

- An update in relation to Compliance with Condition 15 of the new planning permission
- An update in relation to the grants offered under the KCEP Grant Scheme 2025
- An update in relation to the Kentstown Village Park Project
- An update on the Knockharley Landfill from the Landfill Company

The next meeting of this Committee is due to take place in September 2026.

Make Way Day 2026

Service Users from Prosper Kells (Farrell Street & Climber Hall) took to the streets of Kells on 29th May for Make Way Day 2026. They were joined by the Cathaoirleach and Access Officer from Meath County Council, Local Area Councillors and An Garda Síochána. Make Way Day is an annual public awareness campaign highlighting everyday obstacles that block the way of people with disabilities across Ireland and about raising awareness of those barriers that are within the public's power to change." These barriers including cars parked on footpaths can prevent people with disabilities from moving safely around their communities.

Pride of Place School Gardens Initiative



SCHOOLS PRIDE OF PLACE PLAQUES

The Pride of Place School Garden Initiative encourages schools to develop their grounds into active outdoor classrooms. This initiative supports community development and wellbeing by providing students with hands-on access to nature. It also fosters social inclusion and integration by bringing the school community together, while a focus on managed wildlife and upcycling ensures that a safe, sustainable, and engaging spaces are created for everyone.

Judging of 38 local schools, preschools, and crèches has taken place. The entries were impressive, featuring sensory gardens, vegetable patches, water conservation, wildlife ponds, and creative upcycling projects. Each school received a plaque, prize money and a detailed feedback report. A collection of photographs was shared with the schools, highlighting practical, replicable ideas that the judge felt any school can adopt.

The prize money is intended to help schools reinvest in their garden features, while the feedback reports and shared imagery provide clear, actionable guidance to help them sustain and improve their projects year-on-year.

The project has successfully encouraged students to take ownership of their own environment.

Meath Sports Bursary Launched

Meath County Council has allocated €5,000 in its 2026 budget to support a Sports Bursary Scheme aimed at enabling ambitious athletes to compete and succeed at the highest levels. The scheme supports individual amateur sportspeople who have demonstrated ability, been selected to represent their sport at national, European or international level, and show strong potential for future excellence. The scheme was officially launched on 3rd June marking a significant investment in developing sporting talent across the county. The deadline for applications under the Sports Bursary Scheme is Thursday, 16 July at 12pm**.**

Meath Local Community Development Committee

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The most recent meeting of the Meath LCDC took place on Friday 22nd May. At the meeting the LCDC received a presentation from the Preschool Home Liaison Officer in relation to the Preschool Home Liaison Pilot Project. This project is being run by the Crann Support Group and aims to strengthen the connection between parents, early years educators, and community support services by working closely with parents and guardians as their children go through preschool and transition to primary school to improve educational outcomes for children.

The next LCDC meeting is due to take place on Friday 26th June 2026 at the THRIVE Centre of Business Excellence, Navan.

Local Action Group (LAG)

The latest LAG meeting took place on Friday, 22nd May 2026 in the THRIVE Centre of Business Excellence. The LAG received and considered recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Committee in relation to applications received under rolling calls under the LEADER 23-27 Programme.

The next LAG meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th June, 2026 in the THRIVE Centre of Business Excellence.

Healthy Meath

Healthy Meath is delivering 50 free health checks throughout June in Bettystown, Summerhill and Carlanstown, providing accessible screening and practical health information within local communities. This initiative aligns with Healthy Meath's goal to support the prevention of chronic disease.

Kells Family Resource Centre is hosting a Women's Health Morning on 12 June, featuring a breathwork workshop, a wellness talk from a local pharmacist, and interactive wellbeing activities. This event aligns with Healthy Meath's goal to support women's mental health and overall wellbeing by offering practical tools, increasing knowledge, and creating opportunities for social connection and engagement.

Healthy Meath, in collaboration with the HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Department in Meath, has distributed SunSmart boards to care facilities, beaches and community organisations across the county. This awareness campaign aligns with Healthy Meath's goal to raises awareness of sun safety, helping to reduce the risk of skin cancer.

Healthy Meath, in partnership with Meath PPN, is progressing a six-month Civic Dollars pilot that rewards people for spending time outdoors and engaging with local amenities. To date, over 1,400 visits to locations across Meath have been recorded through the app, with 28 community groups registered to benefit, demonstrating strong engagement and supporting positive mental health and wellbeing which is one of Healthy Meath's target areas.

The June edition of the Healthy Meath newsletter has been published here, highlighting upcoming health and wellbeing events across Meath as well as useful services and resources.

Healthy Meath was delighted to accept an invitation to present at the WHO European Healthy Cities Conference held in Viana do Castelo, Portugal, from 16–18 June 2026. As part of the programme, Healthy Meath Coordinator highlighted the impact of the Healthy Meath-funded Pharmacy Health Checks Project.

Healthy Meath coordinator with delegates at the world health organisation European healthy cities conference



Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)

The public consultation process to inform the development of the Meath Local Community Safety Plan has now concluded, closing on 14 June 2026. The process comprised a comprehensive programme of engagement, including public consultations and targeted focus groups with key stakeholders, with a total of 18 focus groups delivered, alongside a countywide public survey designed to capture broader community views. The consultation process was supported by strong levels of participation, reflecting excellent engagement from communities across County Meath. Over the coming weeks, the full Partnership will work collaboratively to review the findings and develop a suite of evidence-based actions, ensuring that the priorities identified through the consultation process are meaningfully reflected in the final Local Community Safety Plan.



Community Safety Plan Public Consultation Workshop with Meath Disabled Persons Organisation

The Meath LCSP Coordinator, Administrator and Vice Chairperson recently attended a networking day hosted by the National Office for Community Safety as part of ongoing engagement at national level. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with LCSP representatives from across the country, supporting shared learning and the development of collaborative relationships. The day included a series of presentations and discussions, including inputs from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Data Research Team, which focused on approaches to data analysis and the use of evidence to inform local community safety planning. Participation in this event will support the continued development of the Meath LCSP, ensuring alignment with national structures and best practice in the implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

A Property Marking Event took place in Dunboyne on 24 May 2026, with the event well attended and a large number of bicycles marked on the day. These property marking events continue to provide a valuable opportunity for direct engagement with local communities, supporting the development of positive relationships between agencies and the public. This ongoing interaction is an important element of the work of the Local Community Safety Partnership, helping to build trust, raise awareness, and strengthen collaborative approaches to community safety at local level.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

There were 3 library initiatives held during the month in Ashbourne, Navan and Trim to promote the work of the LAIT to the library users in the wider community- this involved setting up and hosting a stand to outline our outreach work to those in our accommodation centres in Meath.

The team joined with Cultur Migrant Centre to support their celebration of Africa Day on the 23rd May in Navan.

Clinic Work

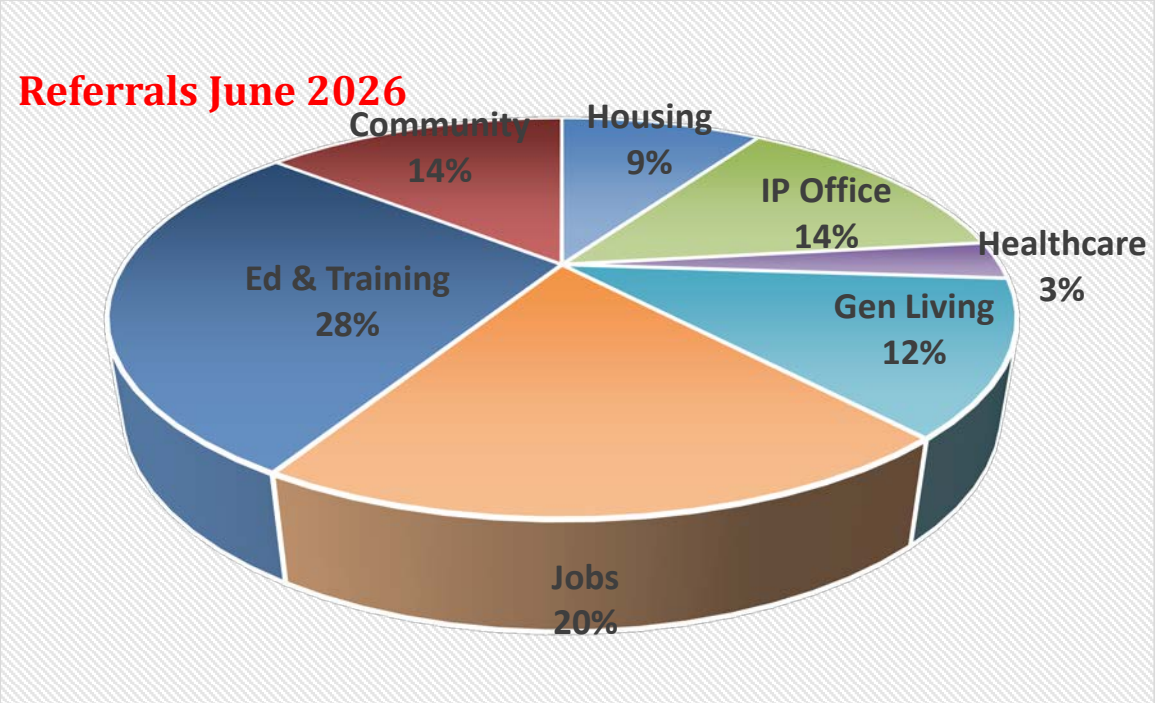
11 outreach clinics in accommodation centres took place in June.

Customer Service Cases Logged 2026:

Customer Service Cases	May 2026	June 2026
Number of Customer cases assigned/in progress/still active	6	10
Number of Customer cases closed	103	168

Figures for Accommodation Centres

Accommodation Type	Number accommodated – May 2026	Number accommodated – June 2026
UKR	459	449
IP	1097	1107


Referrals June 2026
Community
14%
Housing
9%
IP Office
14%
Healthcare
3%
Ed & Training
28%
Gen Living
12%
Jobs
20%

Planning



1. Planning Applications (Section 34)

767 planning applications were lodged in the period 01.01.2026 to 31.05.2026. This is compared to **636** in the same period in 2025.
80.5% of the applications received in 2026 have been lodged via the online portal – ePlan.

2. Commencement Notices

63 Valid Commencement Notices and 11 Valid Seven Day Notices were received in the period 01/05/2026 to 31/05/2026. This is compared to 45 commencement notices and 4 Seven Day Notice in the same period in the previous year.

The Commencement Notices can be broken down as follows:

Development Type	Number
One-Off House	24
Multi-Units	92 Units
Extensions	25
*Other**	*7*

** Agricultural, Commercial, Recreational etc*
***This includes a resubmission of a commencement notice for which the initial valid commencement notice has since been withered.*

The Seven Day Notices can be broken own as follows:

Development Type	Number
Multi-Units	10 Units
Other*	6

* Agricultural, Commercial, Recreational etc
**This includes a resubmission of a Seven Day Notice for which the initial valid Seven Day Notice has since been withered.

No commencement notices or Seven Day Notice has been lodged in relation to solar farms for the period 01/05/2026 to 31/05/2026.

Summary of May 2025-May 2026 Construction Activity

Table 1

COMBINED RESULTS FOR MULTI RESIDENTIAL AND ONE-OFF HOUSING			
	May 2025 to May 2026	May 2024 to May 2025	May 2023 to May 2024
UNITS NOT STARTED	600	1408	157
UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	3042	3489	1653
UNITS COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED	1847	1629	1324
UNITS COMPLETED BUT NOT OCCUPIED	205	120	339

Table 2

RESULTS FOR MULTI RESIDENTIAL			
	May 2025 to May 2026	May 2024 to May 2025	May 2023 to May 2024
UNITS NOT STARTED	589	1382	146
UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	2631	2945	1241
UNITS COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED	1580	1375	1141
UNITS COMPLETED BUT NOT OCCUPIED	205	120	339

Table 3

ONE-OFF HOUSING			
	May 2025 to May 2026	May 2024 to May 2025	May 2023 to May 2024
UNITS NOT STARTED	11	26	11
UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	411	544	412
UNITS COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED	267	254	183
UNITS COMPLETED BUT NOT OCCUPIED	0	0	0

3. Development Contributions (Section 48)

The collection figures for development contributions for the period January – May 2026 are as follows:

Receipt Period:	**Jan – May 2026**
Total Receipts	€ 3,404,688
Recoupments received	€ 4,826,736

Total Received	**€ 8,231,421**

Target Collection Jan - Dec 2026:	€ 8,000,000
Actual Collected Jan - May 2026:	€ 8,231,421
% collected :	103 %

Please note the collection figures shown above are **inclusive** of Uisce Eireann receipts (€16,300) and Irish Rail receipts (€874,394).

The total collected (receipts plus recoupments received) in the same period in 2025 was € 1,866,734.

It should be noted that a refund in the region of €1.5million is due to the Department for uncommenced /social units. These will be processed in the coming weeks.

Circular PL04 2023: Temporary Time Limited Waiver Scheme 25/4/2023 to 31/12/2024. Final recoupment submitted 31/7/2025.

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

- 184 Planning Enforcement complaints received since 01/01/2026
- 57 new planning enforcement cases were opened from 1.01.2026 to 31/05/2026

New Cases to be Investigated	13
Warning Letters	100
Enforcement Notices	33
Referred for Legal Proceedings	2
Closed	45
Court Attendances* This number does not include cases for Judicial Review or Meath County Council as Notice party	12

*please note these figures relate to actions taken on files in the year 2026 only

5. Forward Planning

- Variation No. 5 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 was adopted on 8th June 2026. The Variation gives effect to revised housing targets set by the National Planning Framework – First Revision 2025 and provides additional residential zoned lands that can be developed in the short term.
- Public Consultation for a 'Call for Expressions of Interest on lands suitable for zoning Residential, Employment, Community, Open Space, Tourism and other land uses for future County Development Plans and County Development Plan variation was published on 22nd June 2026.
- The Housing Needs Demand Assessment up to 2040 is nearing finalisation.
- Retail Strategy is currently underway and due to be finalised in July/August.

6. Heritage

Community Monuments Fund (CMF) 2026:

- **Stream 1:** Project archaeologist has prepared and submitted S14 consent to National Monuments Service Surveys in advance of conservation works at **Ardcath Graveyard**. Design Team and PSDP in process of being appointed. Works expected to commence on site in early July.

Irish Walled Town Network Fund-Capital- Final phase of conservation works to Trim Town Walls (Section B) are due to be completed at Finnegan's Way on June 19th. In total a section of 80m of medieval town wall has been conserved in this phase of work. Scoping for procurement for conservation team to advance conservation assessment in Trim, Navan and Athboy has been advanced.



Conservation works to Trim Town Walls at Finnegan's Way (June 2026)

Irish Walled Town Network Fund-Interpretation- Consultants have been appointed and project initiation meeting complete for developing an interactive story map based on the recent publication *The Medieval Walled Towns of Meath*.

Kells Printing Works Project: Official opening of Kells Printing Works took place by Minister Dara Calleary on June 2nd, 2026. Work to curate the opening programme of events scheduled for Hinterland Festival weekend – June 25th to 28th is ongoing. Kells Printing Works welcomed the Board of Boyne Valley Tourism and Meath Culture Team on June 11th for a tour of the new facility and discuss it can enhance the visitor experience and cultural offering to Kells and the Boyne Valley. Planning continues for summer programme (workshops and public tours) and design of initial merchandise.



Board of Boyne Valley Tourism visit Kells Printing Works June 11th 2026.

Heritage Week 2026: Working with communities and libraries to support a programme of activities for Heritage Week 2026.

Historic Towns Initiative (HTI): Kells Convent Chapel has been awarded funding under the Heritage Council HTI to undertake urgent conservation works at Headfort Place, Kells. A Project Architect has been appointed, a drone survey detailing specifications were prepared and public procurement process is currently underway to appoint a contractor.

Climate Action and Environment



Climate Action

Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly's Meeting in Navan

Meath County Council's Climate Action Section hosted a national URBACT network meeting in Navan on 11th June 2026, welcoming Irish partners from five URBACT projects. The event provided an opportunity for participating local authorities to share progress on their URBACT journey, exchange learning to date and outline next steps for project delivery.

Projects represented included:

- WISH CITIES and CITI4UD involving Dublin City Council,
- PARKS involving Monaghan County Council,
- CALL involving Galway City Council, and
- ReDAN involving Limerick City and County Council.

Hosting the event in Navan provided an important opportunity to promote Meath County Council's leadership in climate action, sustainable urban development and collaborative European project delivery. The session also enabled the Climate Action Section to showcase the outcomes of the In4Green project and the adoption of its Integrated Action Plan, which is directly linked to the implementation of the nine Decarbonising Zones across County Meath.

The meeting included a presentation and site visit led by Cormac Ross from Meath County Council's Active Travel Section, highlighting the integrated public realm and movement planning approach being advanced through Navan 2030 and the practical changes being delivered in the town. The day concluded at the Solstice Arts Centre with a presentation from Belinda Quirke on the "Take Me to the River" initiative, a creative public engagement project that brings communities together to support the protection and enhancement of local waterbodies in County Meath.



Decarbonising Zone (DZ) Implementation Plans and Taskforces



Meath County Council is making progress towards a greener and more sustainable future through the development of place-based DZ Implementation Plans across the county. In each of Meath's 9 DZ, local taskforces are currently in development to drive these efforts forward on the ground at a local level.

The Climate Action Section of Meath County Council welcomes the involvement of additional community members, business representatives, and citizens who are interested in climate action. To date there has been two initial meetings with DZ taskforce members where they developed actions that want to see in their specific DZ Implementation Plan, these actions were developed considering the DZ Baseline Emissions Inventory, along with local knowledge of taskforce members.

The Climate Section are currently working on further developing these actions internally with other sections of the Council and will bring the developed version to the taskforces throughout the summer.

DZ Family Fun Climate Action Days

The Climate Action Section of Meath County Council are hosting nine DZ Family Fun Climate Action Days over May, June and September. These dedicated days are designed to engage the entire family, offering a range of enjoyable and impactful climate action activities for families. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in initiatives such as a toy library, clothing swaps, furniture repair, bike repair, visits from an energy retrofit van, jewellery repair workshops, and biodiversity talks. The events also feature face painting, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy while contributing to a more sustainable future. **All events are free to the public and run from 11am-3pm.**



Our first five summer edition of family fun climate actions days have been a huge success with over 760 attendees over the five events. Further sharing of these events across community groups would be greatly appreciated for our September DZ family fun climate action days. For more information on the DZ Family Fun Climate Action Days please visit: https://eventmaster.ie/event/02Y8FzqsA1

Summer Edition			Attendance
10/05/2026	Navan	Simonstown GAA	220
17/05/2026	Ashbourne	Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA	125
24/05/2026	Laytown/ Bettystown	Scoil Oilibheir Naofa Bettystown	125
07/06/2026	Ratoath	Ratoath Community College	172
14/06/2026	Trim	Trim GAA	120
Autumn Edition			
06/09/2026	Dunboyne	Dunboyne Community Centre	
13/09/2026	Kells	TBC	
20/09/2026	Dunshaughlin	Dunshaughlin Community Centre	
27/09/2026	Duleek	Duleek Community Facility	

Community Climate Action Programme Fund

Empowering communities to shape and build low carbon communities and supporting innovative solutions to build climate resilience, energy efficiency and emission reduction.



Phase 1

Phase 1 of the Programme is now complete, with 26 projects delivered across County Meath to the value of €809,166.46. The final drawdown of funding is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2026. The final report is scheduled to issue by September 2026.

Phase 2

A total of 27 projects have been approved by DCEE, with funding of €910,459.72 allocated. Funding agreements are currently being signed and returned, and the delivery phase is scheduled to commence from 10th June 2026.

	Funding Distribution Target	% of Fund	Applications Approved	Distribution by projects
Small Projects	91,045.97	10%	12	€ 124,739.96
Medium Projects	364183.88	40%	8	€ 291,642.27
Large Projects	455229.85	50%	7	€ 494,077.49
Totals		100%	27	€ 910,459.72

SEC Update

Meath County Council continues to support Sustainable Energy Communities across the county by providing bridging loans for the preparation of Energy Master Plans (EMPs), with costs recouped from SEAI on completion.

https://www.meath.ie/council/council-services/environment/climate-action/sustainable-energycommunities

Indicator	Number
Total SECs in Meath	35
Energy Master Plans complete	10
Energy Master Plans in progress	3
Learning stage	23
Newly joined	3

Energy

Following ISO 50001 certification in 2024, NSAI carried out the second annual surveillance audit of Meath County Council's Energy Management System (EnMS) in May 2026 to confirm continued compliance. No non-conformities were identified, and the auditor acknowledged the ongoing work of Meath County Council and its staff in maintaining and improving the system.

Libraries Services



Archives

The Story of Us: **Independent Ireland and the 1926 Census exhibition**

The launch of *The Story of Us: Census Exhibition* took place on Friday, 12 June, and was very well attended. Guests included Cathaoirleach Sarah Reilly, representatives from the National Archives, Zoe Reid and Karen Downey, and the 2026 Centenary Ambassadors, Ann Carey (aged 101) and George O'Connor (aged 103).

Over the launch weekend, the exhibition attracted in excess of 100 visitors. The exhibition will remain open to the public until 28 June, inclusive of weekends and throughout the Midsummer Festival period. The exhibition is located in St Mary's Community Centre, Trimgate Street Navan, and explores the first census of the Irish Free State providing an insight into the millions of lives captured within its pages.



Media Literacy project with Down Syndrome Ireland Louth Meath branch

Navan Library was transformed into a glamorous Oscars venue on Tuesday evening May 12th.

Celebrations were held for a special film screening made as part of a Creative Ireland/Meath Co. Co Library Service funded media literacy project with participants from Down Syndrome Ireland Louth Meath branch and facilitators from Fruit Bowl Film and Drama Hub.

Facilitators, participants, their families, representatives from Meath Co.Co and Down Syndrome Ireland walked the red carpet and posed for photographs to celebrate months of hard work, creative thinking and newly learned media literacy skills.

Compère for the screening was Comedian Fred Cooke who presented each of the participants with an Oscar statuette.

A number of the participants spoke with pride to the audience about their experiences from the project. Feedback was extremely positive and emotional, families reported their adult children finding new confidence and new skills, the sense of teamwork and camaraderie was palpable.

A post-Oscars party wrapped up what was an exciting, glamorous and very special evening for all involved.



New Scéal Trail for Blackwater Park

A new Scéal Trail was installed in Blackwater Park as part of the Right to Read Programme, promoting community and family literacy. Now in its fourth year, the initiative features *The Golden Hare* by Paddy Donnelly.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2026

Meath County Council Library Service is delivering the Summer Stars programme across its public library network, inviting children and families to enjoy reading, creativity and events throughout June–August.

Summer Stars is a free national Right to Read initiative promoting reading for pleasure, literacy, wellbeing and lifelong learning. Children can register at their local library, receive a Reading Tracker, and take part in story times, workshops and creative activities.

Local initiatives for 2026 include a Homework Pass Reading Reward in partnership with 53 primary schools, alongside projects such as "Stick-tastic Art" and Lucky Dip rewards. The programme also aligns with the Council's EU Presidency Cultural Programme, featuring a "Read Around the EU" challenge, EU-themed events, and an international "EU Exchange" letter project.

The Library Service expects 4,500 programme sign-ups and 6,500–7,000 event attendees, with approximately 100 events scheduled countywide.

Summer Stars was recently featured on TG4's *Nuacht Cúla 4*, with filming at Navan Library broadcast on 12 June.

The Right to Read Coordinator is supporting Summer Provision in two DEIS schools (St. Anne's and Ballivor NS), including library visits and funded author sessions to support literacy development.

To support the launch, Meath Libraries hosted online interactive reading and drawing sessions with the author, attended by 250 Junior and Senior Infant pupils from St. Oliver's N.S., St. Paul's N.S., and St. Joseph's P.S. during April.

My Little Library Book Bag

The library service received 2,167 *My Little Library* book bags in early May as part of the national initiative for children aged 4–6 starting school in September 2026. Each bag includes two books, resources to support the transition to primary school, and a library card wallet, while also encouraging families to join and access free library services.

The initiative is a collaboration between the Department of Children, Disability and Equality; the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht; and Local Government Ireland, under the *First Five* strategy.

A local launch took place in Navan Library on Friday, 22 May, with Mayor of Navan, Cllr. Padraig Fitzsimons**.**

Bealtaine Festival in Meath Libraries

To mark the national Bealtaine Festival, Meath Libraries delivered a programme of events throughout May promoting creativity among older adults, with close to 400 participants attending activities including music, dance, and crafts.

Key highlights included:

- Crafting Memories Creative Cafés, where participants, supported by library staff, created collage artworks inspired by personal memories, favourite places, or photographs.

- Meath Memories evenings, hosted by Local Studies Librarian and poet Tom French, featuring curated historical photographs from the Local Studies collection, complemented by readings from *A Meath Anthology*.

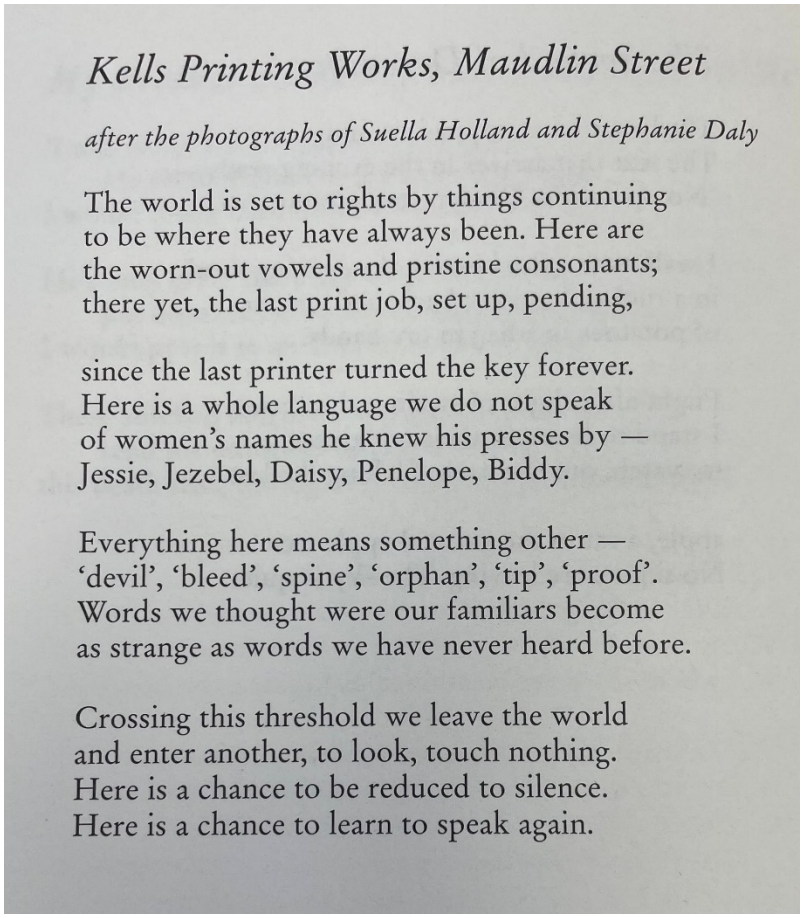
Biodiversity Week Programme

Meath Libraries marked National Biodiversity Week (15–24 May) with a range of events for adults and children. Horticulturist Aoife Munn delivered two public talks on *"Planting for a Changing Climate."* Author and wildlife enthusiast Aga Grandowicz engaged primary school students in Ashbourne and Dunboyne on how Ireland's habitats shape wildlife. School workshops in Navan and Trim, delivered by Anyone 4 Science, focused on bee conservation, with children creating their own bee houses.

These events were co-funded by the Biodiversity, Conservation & Heritage section.

Kells Printing Works Launch

At the official opening of Kells Printing Works on Tuesday, 2 June 2026, Tom French read 'Kells Printing Works, Maudlin Street' (after the photographs of Suella Holland and Stephanie Daly) from his 2018 collection, *The Last Straw*.



Kells Printing Works, Maudlin Street

after the photographs of Suella Holland and Stephanie Daly

The world is set to rights by things continuing
to be where they have always been. Here are
the worn-out vowels and pristine consonants;
there yet, the last print job, set up, pending,

since the last printer turned the key forever.
Here is a whole language we do not speak
of women's names he knew his presses by —
Jessie, Jezebel, Daisy, Penelope, Biddy.

Everything here means something other —
'devil', 'bleed', 'spine', 'orphan', 'tip', 'proof'.
Words we thought were our familiars become
as strange as words we have never heard before.

Crossing this threshold we leave the world
and enter another, to look, touch nothing.
Here is a chance to be reduced to silence.
Here is a chance to learn to speak again.

Creative Ireland – Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

Funded by Creative Ireland, Cruinniú na nÓg Meath attracted over 1,300 participants on Saturday, 6 June, offering a wide range of free creative activities for children and young people, including music, theatre, visual arts, storytelling, STEM and circus skills.

Events were delivered across all Municipal Districts, including a schools programme in Ratoath and a youth theatre workshop at Solstice Arts Centre. On the day, activities took place across eight locations, with highlights including the Garageland Galaxyz Music Festival at the Swift Cultural Centre and a diverse programme in libraries and cultural venues across the county.

Irish-language events were hosted in Leabharlann Ráth Chairn, with additional outreach in Mosney Village and a collaborative sensory session in Bettystown Library with Louth County Council.

Attendance and feedback were highly positive, demonstrating continued success in delivering inclusive, accessible creative opportunities county-wide.



Finance



Housing Loans :

LAHL Data 1st January 2026 to 21st June 2026		
Applications Received	21	2026 applications
Fully Completed Applications	14	2026 applications
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	0	
Invalid Applications	5	2026 applications
Awaiting Further Information from applicants	2	2026 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	12	2026 applications
Refused by Credit Committee	1	2026 application
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	1	2026 application
Active Approvals	13.65	12 relate to 2026, 0.49 relate to 2025, 0.48 relate to 2024, 0.68 relate to 2023
Expired	5	5 relate to 2025
Drawdown by Customer	2.55	2 relates to 2025, 0.15 relates to 2024, 0.40 relates to 2023

Figures above related to activity from 1st January 2026 to 21st June 2026 and in some cases relate to applications from 2023, 2024 and 2025. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases.