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Monthly Management Report for Elected Members

September 2026

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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 Services

Gréasán Gaeilge na hEarnála Poiblí

Tá Gréasan Gaeilge na hEarnála Poiblí mar chuid den Phlean Gníomhaíochta do sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge agus ghlac Oifigeach Gaeilge Chomhairle Contae na Mi páirt i gcruinnithe le baill ón gcomhalachtaí Poiblí eile le déanaí chun na bealaí is féidir an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i measc na foirne san earnáil phoiblí a phlé. Bhí béim sa phléite seo ar imeachtai sóisialta a eagrú don fhoireann agus bealaí suimiúla chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn.

Irish Language Public Services Network

The Irish Language Public Services Network is part of the Action Plan for Irish Language Public Services and the Meath County Council Irish Language Officer took part in meetings with members of other public bodies recently to discuss the best ways to promote the Irish language amongst staff in the public sector. The emphasis in these discussions was on organising social events for staff and interesting ways to promote the language.

National Broadband Plan Main Rollout Completed in County Meath

A significant milestone was reached for County Meath this summer with the completion of the National Broadband Plan's main infrastructure build works across the county.

Announced by National Broadband Ireland (NBI), the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and Meath County Council, the completion of the main rollout marks a major step forward in improving connectivity for rural communities. Homes, farms, businesses and schools in areas that previously lacked access to reliable high-speed broadband can now avail of fibre connectivity through the National Broadband Plan network.

To mark the achievement, Meath County Council hosted a breakfast reception at the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence on Friday, 10 July 2026, attended by representatives from local government, business and community sectors.

The rollout represents a Government investment of €76 million in County Meath. More than 20,000 premises across the county have now been passed by the NBI network and are eligible to connect, with over 8,300 premises already connected.

The completion of the main infrastructure works is a significant development for the county, supporting economic growth, remote working, education, innovation and community development. It also represents an important step in ensuring that rural areas can access the same digital opportunities as urban centres, helping to build stronger and more connected communities across Meath.



Meath Launches EU Presidency Programme with Flag Raising Ceremony

Meath County Council officially launched County Meath's programme for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union with an EU Presidency Flag Raising Ceremony at Buvinda House, Navan, on Thursday, 23 July 2026.

The ceremony was attended by An Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council, Cllr Sarah Reilly, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Minister for Defence Helen McEntee TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for European Affairs Thomas Byrne TD. The event marked the beginning of a six-month programme of activities across the county and included the raising of the Irish, European and Italian flags.

As part of the national County Pairings initiative, County Meath has been partnered with Italy for the duration of Ireland's EU Presidency. The initiative aims to promote cultural exchange, community engagement and international collaboration while strengthening links between local communities.

The launch was also attended by Ambassador of Italy to Ireland Nicola Faganello and Ambassador of Ireland to Italy Elizabeth McCullough.

Over the coming months, Meath County Council will deliver a wide range of EU Presidency events and initiatives, including community, cultural and library programmes. A series of flagship events planned for October will celebrate the relationship between Meath and Italy while showcasing the county's heritage, culture and international connections.



Meath Celebrates 25 Years of Sister City Partnership with Cary, North Carolina

Meath County Council was delighted to welcome a delegation from Cary, North Carolina, to the county in August as part of celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Meath and Cary.

The delegation, led by Mayor Harold Weinbrecht and Council-member Michelle Craig, participated in a programme of engagements designed to showcase Meath's strengths in tourism, economic development, innovation and culture. During their visit, they explored some of the county's most significant heritage attractions, including Brú na Bóinne and the Hill of Tara, while also engaging with key business, education and innovation stakeholders.

The itinerary included visits to Kells Printing Works, Meta and Navan Library, as well as an economic development meeting hosted at the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence. These engagements provided an opportunity to highlight the county's economic potential, skilled workforce and growing reputation as a location for investment and innovation.

The visit reflected the strong and enduring relationship between Meath and Cary and reinforced the value of international partnerships in promoting cultural exchange, economic collaboration and shared learning. The 25-year milestone represents a significant achievement and highlights the continued commitment of both communities to strengthening ties for future generations.



Dutch Ambassador Visits Meath to Explore Historic Connections and Future Opportunities

Meath County Council was pleased to welcome the Dutch Ambassador to Ireland, Maaike van Koldam, to the county in August for a programme of engagements highlighting both the historic links between Meath and the Netherlands and opportunities for future collaboration.

The Ambassador was welcomed to the Thrive Centre of Business Excellence by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Sarah Reilly, Deputy Chief Executive Des Foley and members of the Council's Senior Management Team. Discussions focused on Meath's continued growth and development, as well as areas of mutual interest that could support future cooperation between the county and the Netherlands.

As part of the visit, the Ambassador explored the longstanding historical connections between the two regions through a visit to the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre, where the role of Dutch forces under William of Orange was examined. The delegation also visited Fennor House near Slane, where Dutch entrepreneur Paulus Willem Heemskerk is developing a vineyard that is expected to produce its first harvest in 2029.

The visit concluded with a tour of Newgrange and the wider Brú na Bóinne UNESCO World Heritage Site, providing an opportunity to showcase Meath's rich cultural and archaeological heritage.



Local Lens Podcast Highlights County Meath's EU Presidency Programme

A new episode of *Local Lens*, Meath County Council's podcast series, was released over the summer, focusing on Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union and what it means for County Meath.

The episode explores the significance of the EU Presidency, the opportunities it presents for local communities and the range of events and initiatives taking place across the county as part of Meath's programme of activities.

Featured contributors include Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Meath East TD Helen McEntee, who discusses the role of the EU Presidency and some of the key issues facing Europe, including security, competitiveness, the next European budget and online safety for children.

The episode also features Italian Ambassador to Ireland Nicola Faganello, who speaks about the strong cultural connections between Italy and Meath, while Elaine Daly, Senior Executive Officer for Corporate Affairs and Governance, outlines the Council's programme of events and initiatives linked to the Presidency. This includes details of Meath's participation in the national County Pairings initiative, through which the county has been partnered with Italy.

The podcast forms part of Meath County Council's wider communications programme for the EU Presidency, helping to raise awareness of the opportunities, events and cultural exchanges available to communities across the county during this significant national and European initiative.

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	Q2 2028	Q4 2029
Blackcastle House, Navan	100	Q2 2029	Q2 2031
Robinstown	3	Q3 2027	Q3 2028
Riverside, Carnaross	5	Q3 2027	Q3 2028
Trim Road, Balreask	4	Q3 2027	Q3 2028
Friars Park, Trim	4	Q3 2027	Q3 2028
Church Street, Kells	3	Q3 2027	Q3 2028
Total	**179**		
PART 8 PLANNING & DETAILED DESIGN			
Ratoath Age Friendly Development	14	Q2 2027	Q4 2028
Johnstown Town Centre	21	Q2 2028	Q4 2029
Kells, Archdeaconry	22	Q2 2027	Q3 2028
Carrick Street Regeneration, Kells	47	Q2 2027	Q2 2029
Planning & Design Total	**104**		
TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION			
Church View, Rathmolyon	22	Q1 2027	Q3 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 6th August 2026.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT TYPE	NO. OF UNITS
Ashbourne	Part V	88
Athboy	Part V	4
Ballivor	Part V	2
Bettystown	Part V	4
Drogheda	Part V	26
Duleek	Part V	1
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	82
Oldcastle	Part V	13
Rathmolyon	Part V	9
Ratoath	Part V	39
Summerhill	Part V	4
Trim	Part V	33
Kells	Turnkey	8
Navan	Turnkey	13
Navan	CAS	12
Slane	CAS	1
Trim	CAS	2
Oldcastle	CAS	6
Total		**474**

Meath County Council Approved CAS, Part V & Turnkey – Delivered as at the 6th August 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
Navan	Part V	4
Ratoath	Part V	2
Summerhill	Part V	17
Drogheda	Turnkey	30
Navan	Turnkey	49
Total		**145**

Starter Home Purchase Scheme

Meath County Council currently have 6 Starter Home Purchase Schemes open for applications.

- Cherryvalley Rathmolyon – 8 units, portal opened on 30th April 2026 at 12 noon, assessing applications, 8 allocated. (awaiting 1 SAN to close the scheme)
- Bennetstown Dunboyne – 60 units, portal opened 7th May 2026 at 12 noon, assessing applications, 47 allocated.
- Gilson Avenue Oldcastle - 3 units, portal opened 25th June 2026 at 12 noon, assessing applications, 2 allocated, weak interest.
- Brackinrainey Wood Longwood – 4 units, portal opened 2nd July 2026 at 12 noon, assessing applications – 1 allocated, weak interest.
- The Hollies Ballivor – 2 units, portal opened 9th July 2026 at 12 noon, assessing applications, 2 allocated, weak interest. (awaiting 2 SANs to close the scheme)
- The Furrows Ratoath – 14 units – portal opened 16th July 2026, assessing applications, 7 allocated.

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 unclaimed 2025 completed works must be deducted from the 2026 LAAWS allocation. After this deduction, the available funding and current commitments for 2026 are set out below.

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	107	
Applications awaiting works to date for 2026	64	
Works underway	16	€ 144,095.60
Works completed to date in 2026	27	€ 256,062.05
Remaining funding		€ 5,715.98

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	€648,627.69	79	€551,333.54	Up to 29th June 26*
July Aug 26				
Sept Oct 26				
Nov Dec 26				
Total	€2,097,204.25	262	€1,781,680.14	

775 grants awarded totalling €6,334,928.17

PLUS - Active files ready to issue grant awards: -

For recommendation 22 €154,795.35

OVERALL TOTAL 797 €6,489,723.52

2026 Combined budget €5,674,071

Local Authority Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

Energy retrofit works on occupied properties are ongoing. To date 6 claims have been submitted for 57 properties for a total of €2,022,675.98 of which €1,082,864 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 imminent. 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.

Standards in Rented Accommodation/Rental Tenancy Board Inspections

2038 Inspections were carried out on rented properties in Meath from 1st January to 25th August 2026. Of this 929 were first inspections and 101 properties passed after their first inspection. 109 Improvement Notices and 19 Prohibition Notices were served to date. 36 Improvement Notices have been withdrawn as the matters referred to in the Improvement Notices were remedied.

Multi-Unit Developments (MUDs)

The tender documents for the Property Management Contract have been assessed and Contractor Notification letters have been issued. Appointment of the successful tenderer is imminent.

Local Authority Planned Maintenance

879 Stock Condition Surveys have been completed in Meath up to 26th August 2026. An overall total of 2365 surveys have been completed on stock houses to date. 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 collected. Two houses so far have shown slightly higher than accepted levels of Radon, both houses have had works completed to address this.

Contracts:

- A contractor has been appointed to carry out retrofit works in 3 houses in Cherryhill Court, Kells – works have commenced
- A contractor has been appointed to survey houses in Blackwater Park – works are expected to commence in early August
- Contractor has been appointed for the energy upgrade works in Claremont Estate; a pre-start meeting will be held soon
- Appointment of a contractor for the energy upgrade works in Magdelene Court, Kells has been completed, a pre-start meeting will be held soon

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
- Heat Pump Servicing contract for stock houses

Local Authority Vacant Units Currently Unavailable for Allocation

A first Voids Claim for 2026 was submitted on 27th April 2026 in the amount of €176,000 for 16 properties which has since been recouped. Claim 2 for 20 properties will be submitted before 4th September

Upgrade works are currently ongoing on 57 voids. Table 1 below shows a summary per Municipal District of the number of vacant properties that currently require works before they can be re-tenanted as of 27th August 2026. 4 units were completed this month, 8 units were added this month

Table 1

	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	7	3	1	2	9
Navan	7	4	14	16	9
Ashbourne	2	2	0	0	4
Laytown/Bettystown	5	2	0	1	6
Ratoath	1	1	0	1	1
Trim	2	4	2	2	6
TOTALS	**24**	**16**	**17**	**22**	**35**

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	Q2 2027
Dunboyne Heights, Dunboyne	52	Iveagh Trust - CALF	Q2 2027
Frederick Court Ashbourne	26	NEHA - CALF	Q2 2027
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	Q4 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	**150**		

Homelessness – July 2026

	Single Adults / Couples	Households with Children	Total Households
Placements at 30th June 2026	202 (212 Adults)	86 (123 Adults & 163 Children)	288
Placements at 31st July 2026	200 (212 Adults)	84 (121 Adults & 158 Children)	284

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.

95% bed allocations were availed of by service users

5% 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.

76 Presentations on homelessness were made. This comprised 17 Families.

Reason for EA Presentations	Total Numbers
NTQ	18
Family Circumstance	26
Hospital | Prison | Care	16
Couch Surfing | Cannot Afford	12
Rough Sleeping	4
Other	0
Total	**76**

EA Exit Figures:

- **Families:**
  - 7 Families exited EA in July. This comprised 10 Adults & 13 Children in July.

Reason for EA Family Exit	Total Numbers
MCC Allocation	1
Not availing of Bed	3
Return to Family / Friend	0
HAP	0
Private Rented	0
Other	3
AHB Allocation	
Total	**7**

- **Singles/Couples:**
    - 26 Singles/Couples exited EA in July.

Reason for EA Singles/Couples Exit	Total Numbers
MCC Allocation	0
Not availing of Bed	5
Return to Family / Friend	8
HAP	0
Private Rented	1
Hospital/Treatment/Prison	0
Terminated	8
Other	0
Declined EA	4
AHB Allocation	0
Total	26

Age profile of clients in emergency accommodation on 31/07/2026

Age profile	Clients	0-4	04-11	11-18	18-25	25-40	40-65	Over 65
Families	121	0	0	0	28	58	35	0
Couples	20	0	0	0	3	3	12	2
Singles	192	0	0	0	41	45	93	13
Children	158	60	64	34	0	0	0	0
Total	491	60	64	34	72	106	140	15

Homeless HAP Placefinder 01/06/2026 – 31/07/2026

Total	10
Exit from Emergency Accommodation	5
Homeless Prevention	1
In Progress	4

Tenant Liaison Team July 2026

Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation	Complaints	Cases
Frequent serious disturbances	117	39
Occupancy of dwelling	100	52
Garden upkeep/maintenance	85	57

Dog/Horse/Pet Control	**14**	**8**
Total	**316**	**156**

ASB Investigations on going at (month end)	**109**
ASB Investigations completed (month end)	**47**

Number of Pre Tenancies completed in July 2026	**97**
Abandonments for July 2026	**1**
Houses taken back into stock for July 2026	**8**

Warnings Issued 2026

Warnings	Jan'25	Feb'26	Mar'26	Apr'26	May'26	Jun'26	July'26
Verbal	**1**	**6**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Written	**2**	**4**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2nd Written	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Statutory	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Advisory	**34**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**
Total	**38**	**10**	**2**	**8**	**1**	**3**	**3**

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	8	0	0	2	3	0
July	1	0	5	1	0	1
August						
September						

October						
November						
December						
Total	30	0	19	9	8	10

Social Housing Supports - for period 1st June 2026 – 31st July 2026

- 307 applications received for Social Housing
- 130 applications approved onto the Social Housing List
- 76 applications unsuccessful

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

Allocations/Housing Supports	**Number**
MCC Direct Allocations	79
Transfers	11
Approved Housing Bodies	5
Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)	0
Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)	30
Long Term Leasing (inc Private MTR)	1
Mortgage To Rent (Approved Housing Bodies)	0
TOTAL	**126**

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.
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. Awaiting a date for the leave to appeal hearing.
N52 Grange to Clontail - €2.0M	Enabling works contracts expected to commence in the coming months. Land compensation agreements ongoing.
N2 Rath to Kilmoon	Phase 3 works ongoing, preparing statutory documents.
N52MH_034.0 Balrath Cross RSIS	Design report currently being progressed.
N51 Tullaghanstown Bog Rampart Scheme	Phases 1 to 4 – tender assessment for consultancy services ongoing.

N51 Pavement Schemes	Tender documents being finalised for these works.
N2 Glassallen Pavement Scheme	Tender documents being finalised for these works.

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 ongoing. Draft tender documents for construction contract expected Q3 2026.
R155 Curragha	Consultants appointed and initial review of data underway.
R132 Julianstown Traffic Relief Scheme	Option Selection process progressing. Public Consultation event held re Option Selection on the 8th July 2026 – closing date for submissions 31st August.
L6210 Newtownmoyaghy	Further Information requested by An Coimisiún Pleanála issued 14th May 2026 and on public display until 6th July 2026 – no further submissions received and awaiting confirmation of decision.
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 substantially complete
L3405 Aclare Bridge	Works substantially complete
L28013 Graultys Bridge	Works substantially complete
R164 Piercetown Bridge	Contractor appointed. Programme being finalised.
L6833 Ballybeg Bridge	Consultants appointed. Repair works requirements being compiled
L8603 Edengora Bridge	Consultants appointed. Repair works requirements being compiled
L7418 Knockumber Bridge	Consultants appointed. Repair works requirements being compiled
Minor Bridges Works	Minor bridge works and repairs ongoing on various bridges around the county

2 (e) Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works

Grant Allocation	**€540,000**
Scheme	**Update**
R160 Clongowan €185,000	Consultant's Road Remediation Design Options Report received 17th June 2026. Revised report received 7/08/2026 following review.
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	Construction to commence in September
R108 Clintstown Flood Alleviation Scheme €80,000.00	Substantially Complete
L-34036 Kearnstown, Drunconrath €25,000.00	Tender figure has been received; more funding will be required.

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 works on new footpaths, kerbing, drainage, road pavement and public lighting infrastructure across key sections. The focus of work activity this month has been at the Martha's Bridge junction, and the completion of new kerbing, footpaths and traffic signal infrastructure. In addition, road paving works commenced this month. The Contractor is continuing to deliver the roadworks elements and junction works while maintaining traffic management and stakeholder coordination.
NA1: R147/N51 Poolboy Bridge to Kells Road Roundabout	Design work continues to progress the preliminary design work on two-way cycle scheme on the riverside of the R147 from Poolboy Bridge to the LDR4 junction. Works have commenced on the section from the LDR 4 junction to link with the Blackwater Retail Park, which include cycle facilities and an upgrade to the adjacent existing bus stop to a wheelchair accessible standard.
Flowerhill Cycle & Pedestrian Scheme	Flower Hill Public Realm Enhancement Scheme Design work is continuing in relation to finalising the drawings and documents for the upcoming Part 8 process. An internal review of the draft Part 8 documents by various sections of the Council is currently underway this month.

Navan Public Realm: Trimgate Street Pedestrianisation	A pre-Part 8 presentation was made at the monthly Navan Municipal District meeting in June. The Consultant is continuing to update the draft Part 8 documents in preparation for Part 8 application. A response is awaited to the recent URDF funding application 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 and during this period. Outstanding work items also continued to be addressed, including ESB connections. Works on the steps at Preston Place from Kennedy Plaza were completed.
Convent Road to Metges Road & Trim Road: Beechmount to Balreask Manor Active Travel Schemes	The Consultant finalised the preliminary design drawings for a 'shared space' option on the Kentstown Road section, linking Elm Park with Bothar Hodgett. Preparatory work for a Section 38 non-statutory public consultation has commenced.
Trim Road Phase 2 – Circular Road Solstice Roundabout to R147	A draft tender package for the section of the Scheme from the Solstice roundabout to the Circular Road/R147 junction (including the R147 junction and Academy Street junction) has been prepared and is currently under review. Preparation of NTA Gateway documents has commenced.
Tara Na Ri Junction Upgrade	Draft preliminary design drawings for the traffic calming scheme were prepared and reviewed, and these are currently being updated.
Trim Road Phase 3 - Beechmount to Balreask Manor	The Consultant has undertaken a review of available background documents in preparation for the commencement of the detailed design process. Further background data collection is ongoing i.e. requests for utility records. Tender documents have been prepared for a non-intrusive GPR survey.
Trim Road Phase 4 Balreask Manor to Borallion Junction	The Consultant has prepared updated preliminary design drawings for a shared space from Balreask Manor to the Borallion junction and has identified a potential junction traffic lane arrangement for the proposed signalisation of the junction. A traffic modelling exercise was undertaken on the layout to provide an indication of the potential future operation of the junction with signals, and the output information is currently being reviewed.
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. Scheme 1 – Dunboyne to Clonee – Consultant appointed for Phase 5-7. Currently working on adopting

	Phase 2-4 drawings and documents and identifying surveys required. Scheme 2 – Dunboyne Cycle Network - Work is progressing on the Preliminary Design. Land take required in a number of locations, maps drawn up and issued to affected owners. Dunboyne active travel network to be brought forward for Part 8 planning approval Q4 2026 / Q1 2027.
Castle Street Ashbourne	Gateway 2 drawings and documents issued to NTA for approval prior to progressing to Phase 3 Preliminary Design.
Johnstown Village Active Travel Scheme	Part 8 documents for the combined projects, Active Travel, Public Realm and Housing currently being prepared.
Eastham Road Cycle Facilities	Continuing work on the required enabling or advance works contract, as well as liaison with landowners on agreements. Main scheme detailed design also proegressing.
Newtown Road, Trim footpath	Civil works are complete, with energisation of new and improved public lighting awaited.
Bus Stop Improvement Programme	Works currently in progress by contractor on upgrade of 40 stops. A further package of bus stops upgrades is in design development.
Safe Routes to School	
Round 2 St. Colmcilles and Our Lady Of Mercy, Kells	Part 8 submissions have closed and submissions in review.
Round 3 Schools Duleek Boys' National School, Scoil Naomh Seachnall, St Oliver Plunkett's National School Navan St Paul's National School, Navan	Final stage of appointment of technical consultant with engagement on design with schools and all stakeholders to follow.

Round 4 Schools Gilson National School, Oldcastle Navan Educate Together NS Scoil Naomh Bríde, Boardsmill St Ultan's NS Bohermeen	An Taisce finalising the Delivery Plans for each school on interventions required.

4. Roads & Sustainable Transport Schemes

Funding Source	**Primarily DoT & NTA**
Grant Allocation	(covered under TII)
Greenway Resurfacing	Plan to overlay the Greenway from Nobber to Kilmainhamwood in Q3/Q4 2026.
Boyne Greenway	
Navan to Oldbridge	Extensive ecological, environmental and archaeological surveys are continuing into the Autumn which will be necessary to support the development application. Wide engagement with landowners and stakeholders is progressing to develop the design. Public Consultation will follow later.

5.Other/Projects

Scheme	**Update**
Broadmeadow Riverwalk Ratoath	Works contract due to commence 1st week of September 2026.
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. Option Selection documents issued for MCC review and comment. To be passed onto TII for

	comment prior to approval to proceed to Preliminary Design
Trim Pedestrian Bridge	Bridge manufacture complete and bridge transported for painting. Currently expected new bridge will be installed and opened to the public by mid October 2026.
Footpath Rehabilitation Programme	Works recently completed on Beymore Road (L-B MD), front of Kentstown School, Moynalty Main Street, and Balreask Navan.
New footpaths to Community Centres	Tender issued for contractor for new footpath at Skyrne. Progressing design of footpath extensions at Millbrook, Oldcastle in progress.
New footpaths to Schools	Designs progressing on new footpaths at SN Ultan Naofa Baile Ghib and 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 are continuing in relation to further properties that are participating in the scheme. 16 properties are substantially complete and 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

11. Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund Schemes

Scheme	Update
Dunboyne Eastern Distributor Road	Planning consent obtained January 2025. Detail design progressing. Irish Rail approvals and Uisce Eireann requirements being reviewed.
Dunboyne Business Park link to the R157	Part 8 Planning consent confirmed April 2023. Tobins Consulting Engineers progressing detailed design and drafting tender documents for the construction contract.
Ratoath Outer Relief Road Phase 2	Planning consent obtained December 2025. Detail design progressing.

Kells Frontlands	NIS Planning consent confirmed from ACP in June 2020. Discussions ongoing with landowners re progressing the detailed design.
LDR1A Navan	Planning consent obtained in October 2025. Detail design progressing. Discussions ongoing with Irish Rail and Uisce Eireann re design requirements.

Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism

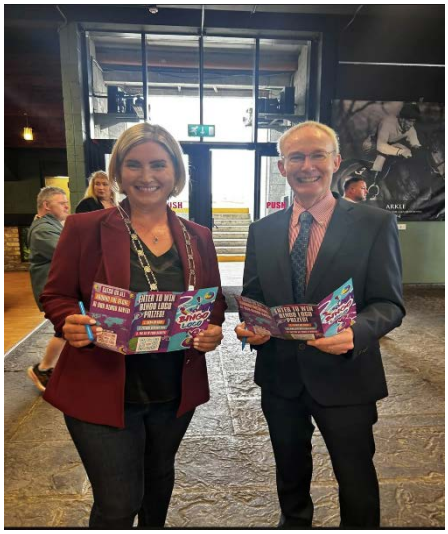


Economic Development & Enterprise

Sponsorship & Events

On Saturday 25th July, Economic Development were delighted to attend and sponsor this year's Ablefest 2026 in Fairyhouse, Ratoath-Ireland's first fully inclusive music and arts festival. Now in its seventh year, this flagship event has become Ireland's largest music and arts festival for people with additional needs celebrating inclusion, accessibility and community.







The Tattersalls Ireland July Show

The Tattersalls Ireland July Show took place from 24 to 26 July 2026 at Tattersalls Ireland in Ratoath. Supported by Meath County Council, the event introduced a range of new family-focused activities delivered with the support of the local community. In aid of St. Francis Hospice, the programme included a Family Fun Day, Dog Show and a variety of stalls showcasing Boyne Valley Flavours.

Ambassador Fiona Flood Visits Council for Business Briefing



Meath County Council was pleased to welcome Ireland's Ambassador to Australia, Fiona Flood, to Thrive on 23 July. Joined by the Cathaoirleach, Chief Executive and Senior Management Group, discussions focused on strengthening Ireland-Australia relations and opportunities for greater collaboration in trade, business, investment and tourism.

The meeting highlighted potential for County Meath to enhance links with Australian partners, support economic growth, and promote the county as a destination for visitors and investors.

Cary Sister City Delegation Visit

Economic Development and Tourism welcomed the Cary Sister City delegation Mayor Harold Weinbrecht, Council-member Michelle Craig and Micheál Lynch from Cary, North Carolina to Thrive on 13 August to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Meath–Cary twinning partnership. The programme from the 10th to 13th August, visited several tourism attractions and businesses, including Newgrange, The Conyngham Arms Hotel, Trim Castle, Brogan's Pub and a local business tour of Meta in Clonee, showcasing Meath's unique assets and providing an opportunity to discuss enterprise, inward investment, business supports and the wider Boyne Valley economy.

LEO Activity Report

Grants Approved and Training July 2026

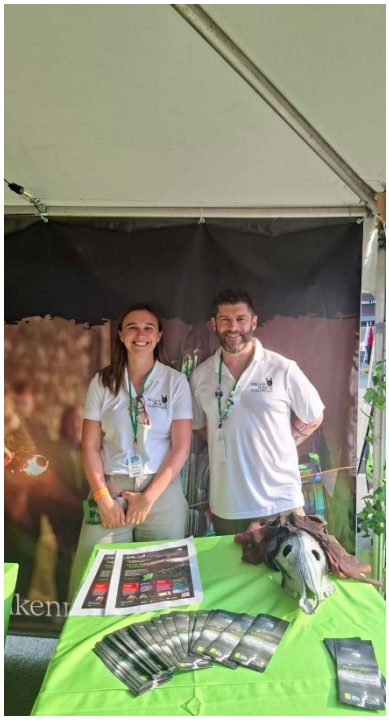
Grant Approved/Mentoring Sessions/Training	
Mentoring Assignments Approved	31
Attended Online Training Courses	35
Attended Digital Marketing Clinics	5
Attended AI for Business Clinics	-
Attended Website Health Check Clinics	5
Attended Finance Advice Clinics	1
GREEN for Micro Applications	3
Digital for Business	-
LEAN for Micro	1
Energy Efficiency Grant	4
LEO Grants	4

Boyne Valley Tourism

Milwaukee Irish Fest

Representatives of Meath County Council and Boyne Valley Tourism attended Milwaukee Irish Fest, one of the largest Irish festivals in the United States, with over 100,000 attendees. Boyne Valley Tourism exhibited within the Ireland Destinations Area, while the Boyne Valley's Home of Halloween offering was promoted through representation from the Centre of Food Culture Ireland as part of the Failte Ireland Home of Halloween stand, alongside the other 7 hubs from across Ireland.







Siamsa Glas Festival 2026

The Siamsa Glas Festival 2026 launch took place on the Boyne Valley to Lakelands Greenway. The festival will take place from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th of September 2026 at locations along the Greenway from Navan to Kilmainhamwood. The festival comprises over 30 events, including cycling, theatre, music, markets, crafts and more.



Ireland, Home of Halloween 2026

Meath County Council representatives attended the national launch of Ireland, Home of Halloween 2026 at the Hill of Uisneach. As one of seven Home of Halloween hubs nationwide, the Boyne Valley Home of Halloween offering includes Púca Festival, Spirits of Meath, Samhain Festival of Food & Culture and Lú Festival of Light.



Rural Pubs Campaign

Boyne Valley Tourism launched a marketing campaign promoting rural pubs across County Meath. Activity included digital and social media advertising, with participating venues receiving branded promotional materials highlighting the Rural Pubs network.

Media and PR Activity

Boyne Valley Tourism hosted two press trips (*The Irish Times* and *Irish Country Magazine*) to the region in July and August. Featured businesses and attractions included Bellinter House, Trim Castle, Brú na Bóinne, Bective Tea Rooms, Brambles Café, Rock Farm Slane, Brogan's Bar & Hotel, Meath Made Creates Festival, Frayne Woodcraft, Kells Print Works, Café Sabrosa and Headfort Arms Hotel.

Boyne Valley Flavours

Boyne Valley Dining Week

Planning is well underway for the inaugural Boyne Valley Dining Week (9–18 October). Current activity includes recruiting participating businesses, developing the marketing and PR campaign, and supporting venues to showcase local ingredients throughout the week.

Business Development

Planning continues for upcoming member training, including a Visual Merchandising Masterclass to be held at Thrive in September.

Centre of Food Culture

Meet the Maker and Farm Walk Events

The Centre of Food Culture Ireland has now held 7 of its 12 Meet the Maker and Farm Walk events across Ireland (with 5 of the 7 events selling out in advance) – visiting cheesemakers, cidermakers, farmers and beekeepers in Meath, Cork, Tipperary, Wicklow, Limerick and Leitrim to date. 3 of the remaining 5 events scheduled for the year are already at capacity, showing the increasing demand for this style of events and awareness for The Centre of Food Culture Ireland.

Rural Regeneration



Derelict Sites	2026 total
Derelict Sites Register (no. of properties)	35
No. of statutory orders issued	23
CA - Derelict Sites Act - Completed in 2026	0
CA - Derelict Sites Act - Commenced in 2026	3

Vacant Homes	2026 total
Vacant Homes Identified	13
CPO - Housing Act - Completed in 2026	4
CPO - Housing Act - Commenced in 2026	5

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant	2026 total
Approved Applications	209
Approved in Principle Applications	90
Applications In Progress/Info Requested (not commenced)	25
Rejected Applications	7
Withdrawn Applications	90
Completed / Paid Applications	155
Total Applications Received	413
Total Approved/Approved in Principle Funding	€16,556,484
Total Paid Grant Funding	€8,434,953

Rural Regeneration Project Progress	Funding
Part 8 Process (Aug'26)	
Littlewoods Walking Trail (on display from 06/08/2026)	ORIS
Works Commenced (Aug'26)	
Detailed Design - Sensory Garden in Kells (Hill of Llyod)	TVRS
Detail Design - Drumconrath House & Amenity Park	TVRS
Works Completed (Aug'26)	
Dunshaughlin Library - roof repairs and external elements	MCC

Civil Defence Building - Repairs after Fire Damage - substantially completed	MCC
Cinema Screen in Swift Culture Centre Trim	MCC

Community Development



Playful Communities Pilot – St Olivers Estate



IMAGES FROM PLAYFUL COMMUNITIES EVENT AT ST OLIVERS ESTATE, RATOATH

The Playful Communities Pilot was delivered in St Oliver's Estate, Ratoath, on 21 August through a collaborative initiative involving the Tenant Liaison Team, Healthy Meath and the Meath Local Community Safety Partnership.

Activities provided by Meath Libraries and Meath Sports Partnership encouraged participation by children, young people and families, helping to strengthen community connections, promote wellbeing and foster a greater sense of belonging within the estate. The initiative supports the objectives of the Estate Management Strategy, Healthy Meath and the Local Community Safety Partnership.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Representatives from Meath PPN and local community organisations participated in a meeting at the Central Bank, following discussions initiated during a visit by the Deputy Governor to Meath in 2025. The meeting examined challenges faced by community groups in accessing banking services and explored opportunities to improve access to financial products.

PPN representatives also participated in a stakeholder engagement event hosted by Minister Troy at Drogheda Credit Union, Trim, as part of the Credit Union Sector Strategy.

There was continued support for a range of community initiatives, including Foróige's Colour Run in Blackwater Park, Navan; Meath GAA's Play It Green campaign in Dunganny; and the Dunboyne Heritage Walk. Support was also provided to active retirement groups, local Men's Sheds, and the Local Authority Integration Team.

Meath PPN membership currently stands at 875, representing an increase of 15 groups since June.

PPN Pillar	No of Registrations - June 2026	No of Registrations – 16th August 2026
Community Pillar	717	728
Environment Pillar	26	27
Social Inclusion Pillar	117	120
Total	860	875



REPRESENTATIVES FROM MEATH PPN AT THE CENTRAL BANK

Comhairle na nÓg

Members of Meath Comhairle na nÓg participated in the Dublin Regional Networking Event, engaging with youth representatives from across the region and contributing recommendations to inform the work of the Comhairle na nÓg National Executive 2026-2028. Preparations are also underway for the Meath Comhairle na nÓg Annual Youth Conference, which will take place on 22 October 2026.

Meath Age Friendly

The Older People's Council received an update from Healthy Meath on current health and wellbeing initiatives and discussed progress on its communications project, including engagement with local businesses through the Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme. Members also discussed arrangements for the Meath Cares About Older People Event, scheduled for 7 October 2026.

Pride of Place Awards

Judging for the 2026 Pride of Place Awards took place throughout July and August. Planning in ongoing for

County Awards Nights will be held across the Municipal Districts during September, October and November, culminating in the County Awards Ceremony on 12 November 2026**.**

- Navan: Tuesday 22nd September: Ardboyne Hotel
- Trim: Wednesday 30th September: Trim Castle Hotel
- Kells: Wednesday 14th October: Headfort Arms Hotel
- Ashbourne: Thursday 22nd October: Pillo Hotel
- Laytown/Bettystown: Thursday 29th October: Conyngham Arms Hotel
- Ratoath: Thursday 5th November: Dunboyne Castle Hotel
- County: Thursday 12th November: Ardboyne Hotel

IPB All Island Pride of Place Awards

Meath shortlisted entries for the 2026 All Island Pride of Place are Meadowbank Hill Ratoath in the category Urban Neighbourhoods and Housing Estates and Ratoath in the Population over 5000 category. Judges visited Ratoath on Monday, 27th July. The IPB All-Island Pride of Place Awards will take place on Saturday, 24th October

Funding for National Governing Bodies of Sport in Meath

Meath County Council is seeking expressions of interest from National Governing Bodies of Sport aimed at increasing participation and supporting sports development across the county. Funding is available through two streams comprising programme development grants and support for Development Officer posts. Priority will be given to projects that increase participation among disadvantaged communities, women and girls, ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities and men aged over 35 years. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 11 September 2026**.**

Meath Sports Bursary

A total of 28 applications were received under the 2026 Meath Sports Bursary Scheme. The scheme supports talented athletes from County Meath who are competing at national and international level. Applications have been assessed by an independent panel, with recommendations to be considered by the Community, Cultural Development and Gaeltacht Affairs Strategic Policy Committee before being submitted to the Council for approval.

Meath Local Community Development Committee

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The most recent meeting of the Meath LCDC took place on 24 July 2026.

Members received a presentation from the Social Inclusion Programme Manager and approved the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Mid-Year Review Report 2026. The

Committee also considered implementation progress under the Meath Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029.

No meeting of the LCDC was scheduled during August. The next meeting is scheduled for 25 September 2026.

Local Action Group (LAG)

The Local Action Group met on 24 July 2026 and considered recommendations from the Independent Evaluation Committee relating to applications received under the LEADER 2023-2027 Programme.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2026

Healthy Meath

The Department of Health has confirmed the extension of the Healthy Ireland Fund for 2027, with a further allocation of €75,000 to support health and wellbeing initiatives in County Meath in 2027.

The LCDC Health and Wellbeing Subgroup met during July and reviewed progress under the Healthy Meath Programme, including a presentation from the Meath Social Prescribing Officer.



Healthy Meath community wellbeing initiatives

Healthy Meath supported a range of community wellbeing initiatives, including the Foróige Beach Fun Day in Bettystown, the Colour Run in Blackwater Park and a series of positive mental health programmes delivered in partnership with the Feel Good Project Duleek. The initiatives encouraged participation in activities that support positive mental health, physical activity, and overall wellbeing

Three Healthy Meath Micro Fund projects commenced during the period in Dunshaughlin, Kells and Ratoath, with a further nine projects due to commence in September.

The Civic Dollars programme continues to promote community participation and use of outdoor amenities. To date, the initiative has recorded 2,320 visits across participating locations in Meath and 100 rewards redeemed.

Development of the CommUnity Connect Louth and Meath platform is nearing completion, with a public launch scheduled for October 2026. Twenty-five participants have registered for Champion Training in advance of the launch. The initiative aims to improve awareness of local supports, services, community groups, and events, making it easier for residents to access resources that promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP)



FAMILY COLOUR RUN AT BLACKWATER PARK

The Meath Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) continued to support the work of the CYPSC Connected and Respected Working Group in promoting positive community engagement and providing accessible, low-cost activities for children, young people, and families across County Meath. As part of this collaborative initiative, a Family Colour Run was hosted on 13th August 2026 in Blackwater Park, bringing together families and community members for a fun, inclusive, and active event. The Colour Run was well attended and provided an opportunity for residents to connect with one another, promote healthy lifestyles, and strengthen community cohesion. The event demonstrated the value of partnership working in delivering affordable recreational opportunities that support community wellbeing and social inclusion throughout the county.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The Integration Team delivered six outreach initiatives across libraries in Ashbourne, Navan, Bettystown, Enfield, Trim and Kells during July and August. The programme promoted awareness of Council integration supports through direct engagement with library users and local communities. Engagement with Intreo has resulted in a programme of employment and training workshops being scheduled for September across accommodation centres supporting Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection.



INTERCULTURAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN DUNDALK

The Team also supported a number of community integration initiatives, including participation by 15 residents from Ashbourne Court Accommodation Centre in an Intercultural Football Tournament in Dundalk. Families.

LAIT Clinic Work

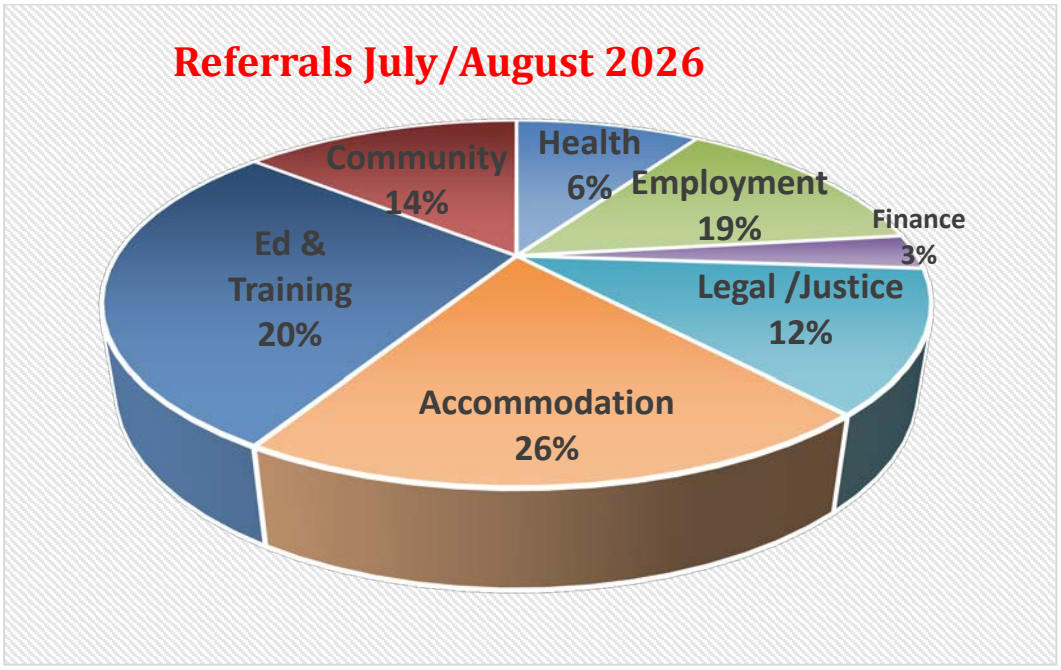
30 outreach clinics in accommodation centres took place in July & August.

Customer Service Cases Logged 2026:

Customer Service Cases	July 2026	August 2026
Number of Customer cases assigned/in progress/still active	9	12
Number of Customer cases closed	212	236

Figures for Accommodation Centres:

Accommodation Type	Number accommodated July 2026	Number accommodated August 2026
UKR	449	424
IP	110	1023


Referrals July/August 2026
Community 14%
Health 6%
Employment 19%
Finance 3%
Ed & Training 20%
Legal /Justice 12%
Accommodation 26%

Age Friendly Ireland Shared Service



Age Friendly Ireland is a national office hosted by Meath County Council. It is a shared service that provides a framework for the delivery of local Age Friendly Programmes in all 31 local authorities.

In June, Meath County Council won the prestigious *Better Public Services* Award for the Age Friendly Shared Service, in the category of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion. The award was presented at a national ceremony attended by Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Jack Chambers TD. The winning project is delivered by Meath County Council on behalf of all 31 local authorities with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, An Garda Síochána, Department of Health, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Department of Transport, Department of Culture, Communications and Sports and the Health Service Executive (HSE) as members of the National Advisory Group. The Age Friendly Ireland Shared Service Office has positioned Ireland at the forefront of global Age Friendly practice and led in Ireland's recognition as the first country in the world to achieve World Health Organisation Age Friendly status.



Age Friendly Ireland was represented at the World Congress on Age Friendly Communities in San Sebastian, Spain in June. The shared service had a number of speaking slots as well as poster presentations and an exhibition stand. Two members of the National Network of Older People's Councils participated in this international conference to represent the voice of older people in Ireland. The conference was an opportunity to showcase the many projects and initiatives that support older people across Ireland under the Age Friendly programme.



National Technical Programme

The Age Friendly Technical Programme continues to work with Iarnród Éireann / Irish Rail to develop Age Friendly Train Stations, and with the GAA to develop Age Friendly Stadiums. Four walkability audits carried out in stadiums this year led to improvements such as greater accessibility of toilets and seating areas in Wicklow, Roscommon, Portlaoise and Sligo, which will improve access for older people and people with disabilities.

Age Friendly Bus Shelters have been installed in Gaeltacht areas by local authorities this year with funding from Údarás na Galetachta.

Age Friendly Assistive Technology Scheme [AFATS]

Age Friendly Ireland will be taking over the administration of the Seniors Alert Scheme (currently administered by Pobal). This scheme provides monitored personal alarms to older people. Following a tender process, it is hoped the new AFI service will up and running by the end of 2026. There will be up to 25,000 units delivered per annum. Recruitment will take place for new staff to administer the scheme who will be based in the Kells office.

National Communications Programme

The National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards will take place on 8th October in the Strand Hotel, hosted this year by Limerick City and County Council. Earlier in the year, a panel of 6 independent judges assessed the 160+ applications and visited the 36 shortlisted projects. The Awards categories are aligned to the eight policy domains of the WHO framework, with two special categories this year (a Judges special recognition award and Local Age Friendly Programme of the Year)

National Core Programme

Regional Age Friendly Sports Days are taking place this year to promote older people's participation in physical activity. The Midlands event took place in Athlone on 3rd July, while the South East and West regions will hold sports days in the autumn.

A new project in County Monaghan called 'Shared Streets' will bring older and younger people together to undertake community mapping.

The research unit has completed a policy review, mapping of Statements of Strategy and national policies across all government departments, to document objectives that support ageing communities.

Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme [HAFH]

This national support co-ordination service is working with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to support the rollout of the Community Energy Grant scheme to older people.

The programme is linking with the Fire Service in a number of local authorities to improve how older people are supported with preventative fire supports such as home visits by the Fire Service.

The International Foundation for Integration Care is conducting a 3 year evaluation of the HAFH Programme. The Year 1 evaluation report found that the programme had mobilised quickly and is broadly meeting its standards. Support has deepened, growing from 3 supports per participant during the pilot phase to approximately 6 supports pre person now.

Planning



1. Planning Applications (Section 34)

1121 planning applications were lodged in the period **01.01.2026 to 31.07.2026.** This is compared to 921 in the same period in 2025.

83.2% of the applications received in 2026 have been lodged via the online portal – ePlan.

2. Commencement Notices

62 Valid Commencement Notices and 12 Valid Seven-Day Notices were received in the period 01/07/2026 to 31/07/2026. This is compared to 52 commencement notices and 15 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	18
Multi-Units	184 Units
Extensions	18
*Other**	15

** 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 31/07/2026.

3. Development Contributions (Section 48)

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

Receipt Period:	**Jan – July 2026**
Total Receipts	€ 3,936,296
Recoupments received	€ 3,936,296

Total Received	**€ 8,763,032**

Target Collection Jan - Dec 2026:	€ 8,000,000
Actual Collected Jan - May 2026:	€ 8,763,032
% collected:	110 %

Please note the collection figures shown above are **inclusive** of Uisce Eireann receipts (€23,559) and Irish Rail receipts (€874,394).

The total collected (receipts plus recoupments received) in the same period in 2025 was € 2,428,717.

It should be noted that a refund of €1.6million is being refunded to the Department for uncommenced /social units in August 2026.

Further refunds will be due to the Department as more units are delivered as social/affordable units or are incomplete at 31/12/2026.

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)

- 241 Planning Enforcement complaints received since 01/01/2026

- 72 new planning enforcement cases were opened from 1.01.2026 to 31/07/2026

New Cases to be Investigated	18
Warning Letters	139
Enforcement Notices	54
Referred for Legal Proceedings	2
Closed	69
Court Attendances* This number does not include cases for Judicial Review or Meath County Council as Notice party	24

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

5. Forward Planning

- 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 closing date for receipt of submissions was the 31st of July 2026. We are currently evaluating the submissions and mapping same ahead of a workshop in September with ye as elected members
- The Housing Needs Demand Assessment up to 2040 is nearing finalisation.
- Retail Strategy is currently underway and in the process of being finalised.
- Work is progressing on The Green Energy Park use, which will form Variation 6 of the County Development Plan 2021-2027, and it is anticipated to be on public display in mid to late September. The aim of which is to bring forward land that is capable of integrating renewable energy generation, energy storage, and large energy users, with the objective of promoting efficient and sustainable energy the members have received a presentation on this matter previously.
- Work on the 6-year Meath County Development Plan 2027-2033 (CDP) process has ceased due to the Planning and Development (amendment) Act 2026 which has now been signed into law by the president on the 20th of July 2026.

6. Heritage

Community Monuments Fund (CMF) 2026:

- **Stream 1:** Works are set to commence in Ardcath
- **Stream 2:** Progress reports submitted to the department on the 10th of July for the three stream 2 projects.
- **Stream 3:** Project progressing for St Patrick's Cathedral.

Irish Walled Town Network Fund-Capital- Works completed on Section B of the Town Wall. Scoping for procurement for conservation team to advance conservation assessment in Trim, Navan and Athboy advanced. Progress report submitted to Heritage Council (July 17th)

Irish Walled Town Network Fund-Interpretation- Following procurement process appointed consultant to develop an interactive story map based on the recent publication The Medieval Walled Towns of Meath. Progress report submitted to Heritage Council (July 17th).

Kells Printing Works Project:

- Since the opening on June 2nd, we have had successful public events programme delivered during the Hinterland Festival. Talks, workshops and tours.
- 5 workshops with key stakeholders (Boyne Valley Tourism, County Meath Chamber, Meath Made, MCC Heritage Forum and MCC Culture Team).
- Meeting with Samhain Festival for planning events during the festival.
- Write up of Kells Printing works project commenced.
- Progress meeting in July.
- Heritage Week planning.

Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2026: 20 applications were received and assessed in accordance with scheme guidelines. Working with applicants on programme of activities for Heritage Week 2026.

Culture Team: Working with Friends of Columbanus Republic of Ireland to curate a one-day seminar on the life and legacy of St. Columbanus to be held in Dalgan Park as part of the support received by Meath County Council from Culture Ireland/Department of Culture, Communications and Sport to support cultural projects/initiatives in Meath as part of EU Presidency Culture Programme – Local Authority Programming Scheme.

Community Engagement: Site visit and meeting with Baile Ghibb to discuss Heritage Projects. Site visit and meeting with Kilmessan Tidy Towns to discuss Heritage Trail. Site visit and meeting with Rathcarin Heritage Group

Royal Sites: Filed visit to the Hill of Tara with Royal Sites coordinator and the discovery programme on the 10th of July.

Heritage Week 2026: Planning underway for events. Finalising them all for adding to the Heritage Week website. Social media drafted and waiting on approval. Working with Meath Chronicle currently to get the Heritage Week pull out finalised.

7. Conservation

Planning Referrals – Conservation: Ongoing

Planning Compliance – Conservation: Ongoing

Section 57s – Conservation: 10 Active for 2026. 4 of the 10 complete so far. 3 have been cancelled due to seeking grant advice and not planning advice.

Enforcement – Conservation: UDs 2026 - approx. 10 live cases. Section 59s- 0 requests.

Thatch Survey: Following Procurement meeting, EOI being prepared and quotation documents being prepared.

Historic Structures Fund 2026: Convent of Mercy Churches was awarded a HSF grant this year €81,000.00. They did not procced with the grant as they were awarded more funding under Historic Towns Initiative.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme & Historic Thatch Buildings 2026: Acceptance of funding returning from successful applicants. Site visits ongoing for live projects

Creative Ireland Funded Projects: Land Commission Cottages Survey 2026- Quotation call to Architects went out and have received two submissions. Currently reviewing submissions.

RPS: List of proposed additions, deletions and amendments for next CDP currently being worked on including draft Heritage Chapter for CDP

8. Biodiversity

Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) Projects: Total funding applied for €96,757. Procurement has begun on a number of 2026 projects supported by this fund, such as:

- Grassland Survey at the Commons of Lloyd – In Progress / to be procured – engaging work placement students in survey and commissioning professional survey
- County Wetland Survey – In progress - Tender assessment complete & tender awarded.
- Woodlands and Trees Survey – Delayed - Meeting arranged for FERS
- Grassland County-wide Survey – Delayed – Procurement remains to take place.

Local Biodiversity Action Plan Scheme (LBAPS) Projects: Funding has been received by Meath County Council from the Heritage Council totaling €20,000. Projects supported include:

- Small Grant Scheme – Grants finalised.
- Leinster ALAN Training – Completed – Training offered to LA staff.
- Building for Biodiversity & People Training for LA staff – Completed - Summary Report completed.
- Heritage Council funding report – To be completed ASAP.

Biodiversity Working Group of the Meath Heritage Forum: Q3 meeting planned underway for August.

Meath Heritage Forum: Presentation given at last meeting.

Shared Biodiversity and Climate Action Work Programme: Forestry – Site Feasibility Assessment – In Progress – 70-80 sites circulated to staff for comment – Biodiversity & Heritage Assessment completed.

Creative Ireland Grant Funded Projects: Urban Nature Plan for Navan – In Progress – baseline habitat assessments taking place – meeting to be had with project stakeholders.

MCC Funded (Biodiversity & Climate Action) Project: ReFarm – In Progress - 21 EOIs received – field visits to be now conducted.

Miscellaneous: Prepare swift callers for Vivian Hoey for Swift Cultural Centre – To be completed - on foot of request from Cllr French

Community Dune Action Training: Planned for September

Heritage Week event planning: To be completed ASAP.

County Archive: THRIVE – BNG Report – Review completed.

County Development Plan: To be completed ASAP.

Climate Action and Environment



Climate Action

Energy

Meath County Council has signed an Energy Performance Contract with Lawler Sustainability for the decarbonisation and energy upgrade of Navan and Trim Leisure Centres.

The two facilities are the largest energy users within the Council's building portfolio and account for a significant proportion of organisational carbon emissions. Once completed, the project is expected to reduce annual energy consumption by 78% and carbon emissions by 77%.

The initiative represents an important step in supporting Meath County Council's climate action objectives and will contribute significantly towards achieving the public sector target of a 51% reduction in CO_2 emissions by 2030.

The project highlights the Council's ongoing commitment to improving energy efficiency, reducing emissions and supporting a more sustainable future.



Community Climate Action Programme

Phase 1

Phase 1 of the programme is complete with Final Reporting due in September 2026.



Phase 2

2 of the 27 approved projects for phase 2 are complete.

Organisation	Summary of Project	Approved allocation	Completed allocation
Oldcastle Men's Shed	Wall and attic insulation for meeting room and workshop	€5,000.00	€3,842.02
Bettystown Tidy Towns	E-cargo bicycle and trailer to transport equipment	€12,569.30	€12,569.30



Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

The Local Enhancement and Action Fund (LEAF) is a national programme that supports community-led environmental and climate action initiatives. With over €3 million allocated across all local authority areas, the fund enables communities to deliver projects that enhance biodiversity, improve local areas, build community capacity, and contribute to Ireland's climate action objectives.

Programme Milestones

1. Fund Launch - Applications opened on 6 July 2026.
2. Application and Assessment Stage - The application period closed on 24 July 2026, with 29 applications received. Meath County Council conducted the evaluation process between 27 July and 5 August 2026, resulting in 13 projects being approved and the full allocation of €100,000 being committed.
3. Notification and Communications -Applicant groups were notified of the funding decisions on 7 August 2026. Queries from unsuccessful applicants have been addressed. Communications to elected members will issue once all funding offers have been formally accepted.
4. Project Mobilisation - Signed Letters of Offer, including agreed deliverables and milestones, are due to be returned by 14 August 2026. Projects will commence upon receipt of the signed Letters of Offer.
5. Project Delivery - All projects are scheduled for completion by 10 November 2026, with final project reports due by 20 November 2026.

The Local Enhancement and Action Fund (LEAF) is expected to support the delivery of 13 community-led projects across County Meath.

Approved Projects

Group Name	MD	DZ	Summary of the project to be funded
Yellow Ford Residents Association, Athboy	Kells	Outside of DZ Zone	The planting of an orchard of sustainable, native fruit trees and the further development of an area on the main entry road into a tree-lined avenue by planting trees such as birch and other native plants, as well as planting shrubs and placing planters.
Drumbaragh Emmets GFC	Kells	Outside of DZ Zone	The planting of a continuous native mixed hedgerow and tree belt around the circumference of the main playing pitch (250-300 meters), consisting of species such as hawthorn, blackthorn, holly, hazel, spinder, guelder rose and dog rose. The planting of 150-200 native trees around the boundary of the grounds (oak, birch, rowan, alder and scots pine). The creation of an accessible sensory garden featuring pollinator friendly planting, fragrant herbs and native shrubs. Additionally, pollinator meadow creation, bird and bat boxes, insect hotels, rainwater harvesting for irrigation, composting of green waste and educational biodiversity signage.
Drumree GAA	Ratoath	Outside of DZ Zone	The landscaping and planting of the area along the walkway and existing boundary will be landscaped and planted with native trees and shrubs, while wildlife habitats are placed to make a micro-forest and pollinator-friendly area. Educational signage will be placed to transform the route into an interactive experience.
Bettystown Tidy Towns	Laytown Bettystown	Laytown Bettystown	The planting of 90 trees and 300 native hedge saplings across three housing estates in Bettystown to restore the tree canopy, sequester carbon, enhance biodiversity and both to act as a flood mitigation measure and a climate change adaption measure.
Kentstown Rovers	Ashbourne	Outside of DZ Zone	Upgrading the clubhouse's attic insulation.
Rathkenny Community Centre	Laytown Bettystown	Outside of DZ Zone	The restoration and replanting of an area surrounding the groups sports field with native hedgerows and trees to improve biodiversity and enhance the local ecosystem.

Drogheda and District Mens Shed	Laytown Bettystown	Outside of DZ Zone	The planting of trees and shrubs native to Ireland in the Mens Shed garden as well as the building of bird boxes, bug hotels and the provision of flowering plants for pollinators.
East Coast Women Together Sheds	Laytown Bettystown	Laytown Bettystown	The creation of a small pollinator friendly garden that promotes biodiversity by using an underused outdoor space to plant native Irish wildflowers, pollinator friendly plants and herbs
5th Meath Kells Scouts	Kells	Kells	The Restoration of the Kells Community Orchard through the removal of briars, management of overgrown vegetation, pruning of apple trees, mulching to improve soil health and planting of additional native plants, all of which will help the orchard become a shared community space again.
Ballivor Tidy Towns	Trim	Outside of DZ Zone	The harvesting of rainwater for use to water pollinator plants in the community garden.
Friends of Rathcore Church Company Limited by Guarantee	Trim	Outside of DZ Zone	Rainwater harvesting from the roof of the church for the new toilet, Replacement of lights within the church the energy efficient lights in the church and in the car park, with LED and solar power lights on the long avenue, Biodiversity education of what plants, insects and animals are in the site, which went chemical free in 2026.
Castle Garden Residents Asc	Laytown Bettystown	Outside of DZ Zone	The rewilding of a 1-acre area at the entrance of the estate to a wildflower meadow and the conversion of an overgrown area of the estate into a vegetable garden.
Bective GFC	Navan	Outside of DZ Zone	To capture rainwater off the clubhouse roof and planned extension for filtering in an underground storage tank and pumping to an attic header tank for use by the toilet cisterns. The creation of a swale to filter run-off water and remove pollutants before the runoff can enter the boundary stream.

MD Breakdown		
Municipal District	Applied	Approved
Ashbourne	6	1
Laytown Bettystown	8	5
Kells	5	3
Navan	2	1
Ratoath	5	1
Trim	3	2
Total	29	13

Climate Action Week Funding



Meath County Council is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the Climate Action Week Fund 2026, which supports community groups in organising events during Climate Action Week, taking place from **12 to 18 October 2026.**

Grants of **€500 to €3,000** are available for community-led events that promote practical climate action and encourage local participation. Eligible activities may include workshops, training sessions, demonstrations, community projects, awareness campaigns, and other initiatives delivered in-person or through a hybrid format.

Climate Action Week is Ireland's largest pop-up climate festival, coordinated by An Taisce on behalf of the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. The initiative brings together communities, schools, organisations and individuals to learn, share ideas and take meaningful action on climate change. Through this funding programme, Meath County Council aims to support local groups in delivering engaging events that raise awareness, build capacity and encourage climate action at a community level.

Programme Milestone	**Date**
Applications Open	Monday 17 August 2026
Applications Close	Friday 4 September 2026
Funding Decisions Issued	Friday 11 September 2026
Event Details to MCC for Promotion of event	Monday 28 September 2026
Event Dates	12–18th October 2026
Final Reports	Friday 30 October 2026

Decarbonising Zone (DZ)



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 in September.

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.**

The remaining 4 DZ Family Fun Climate Action days as part of the Autumn Edition with run throughout September in the DZ' of Dunboyne, Kells, Dunshaughlin, and Duleek.

For more information on the DZ Family Fun Climate Action Days please visit: https://eventmaster.ie/event/02Y8FzqsA1

Autumn Edition			
Date	DZ event	Venue Location	Time
06/09/2026	Dunboyne	Dunboyne Community Centre	2-6pm
13/09/2026	Kells	Headfort Arms Hotel	11am- 3pm
20/09/2026	Dunshaughlin	Dunshaughlin Community Centre	11am- 3pm
27/09/2026	Duleek	Duleek Community Facility	11am- 3pm

Libraries Services



Ashbourne Library

Ashbourne Library continues to support community wellbeing through the provision of peer support groups. The library recently began hosting a weekly **Bereaved Parents Group**, which provides a safe and compassionate space for parents who have experienced the loss of a baby or child at any stage of pregnancy or infancy to connect, share experiences, and support one another. The group, established in response to a local community need, meets on Thursday evenings and continues to grow in attendance. In addition, from 8th September, the library will host **Different Minds**, a neurodivergent peer support group offering a welcoming and inclusive environment for neurodivergent individuals, as well as those interested in learning more about neurodivergence. The drop-in group encourages participants to share experiences, engage in active and empathetic listening, and build connections through peer support.

Archives

As part of an ongoing outreach programme, Meath County Archive will host a family history event for Heritage Week in Navan library on 18th August from 7pm - 8pm. With the recent release of the 1926 census, and the accompanying national exhibition, which Meath hosted, many people have become interested in tracing their family history. 'How to Trace Your Family' will be delivered by accredited genealogist Claire Bradley. The talk will teach participants how to get started, search records and cover the common mistakes made.



Adult Learners for Life Strategy Collaboration and Innovation Fund (CIF) 2026

Meath County Council Library Service was awarded over €15,000 under the Adult Learners for Life Strategy Collaboration and Innovation Fund (CIF) 2026 to deliver five projects supporting adults with unmet literacy, numeracy, digital and financial literacy needs. Three projects will commence in Navan Library in September.

The **Healthy Finances/SAFE (Savings and Financial Equality)** project, delivered in partnership with MABS and Willow (formerly Meath Women's Refuge), will provide a six-week financial literacy programme for women accessing Willow services, covering topics such as financial abuse, banking, financial resilience and budgeting. A plain English resource booklet summarising the key workshop themes will be provided to participants on completion of the programme. Participants will also receive a library tote bag containing library membership information, financial literacy resources for children, and information on library services and supports.

The **Our Stories, Our Voices** project will work with the Navan Beoirs Traveller Women's Group to develop digital storytelling, media literacy and video production skills, culminating in a public screening of participants' work in Navan Library. This project will build digital and media literacy skills through digital storytelling and video production, enabling participants to share their lived experiences, strengthen representation of Traveller voices, and create their own media content.

In addition, a **Dyslexia Awareness Training Programme** will provide five training sessions for Meath County Council Library Service staff and LMETB adult education tutors, enhancing knowledge and practical skills to create more inclusive, dyslexia-friendly learning environments across library and education settings.

Finance



Housing Loans :

LAHL Data 1st January 2026 to 23rd August 2026		
Applications Received	26	2026 applications
Fully Completed Applications	20	2026 applications
Awaiting Recommendation from Housing Agency (Underwriters)	2	2026 applications
Invalid Applications	5	2026 applications
Awaiting Further Information from applicants	1	2026 applications
Approved by Credit Committee	17	2026 applications
Refused by Credit Committee	1	2026 application
Awaiting Decision by Credit Committee	0	
Active Approvals	17.65	16 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	3.96	1 relates to 2026, 2.34 relates to 2025, 0.22 relates to 2024, 0.40 relates to 2023

Figures above related to activity from 1st January 2026 to 23rd August 2026 and in some cases relate to applications from 2023, 2024 and 2025. Previously expired loans may be extended in some cases.