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Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil na Mí
Meath Local Community Development Committee

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

MEATH LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

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Section A Chief Officers Report

Local Community development Committees (LCDC's) are required under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2014 (S128B of the Local Government Act 2001) to prepare, adopt and submit an annual report to the Local Authority in respect of the performance of its functions in the previous year.

This report outlines progress in respect of the various Meath LCDC functions during the year 2024.

Membership of Meath Local Community Development Committee (Meath LCDC)

Membership of the Meath LCDC on 01st January 2024:

- Mr Kieran Kehoe — Chief Executive, Meath County Council
- Cllr Mike Bray — Councillor, Meath County Council
- Cllr Elaine McGinty — Councillor, Meath County Council
- Cllr Yemi Adenuga — Councillor, Meath County Council
- Mr Joe English — Local Enterprise Office
- Ms Johann McKeever — Health Service Executive
- Ms Sadie Ward McDermott — Louth Meath Education Training Board
- Mr Sean O'Coisdealbha — Udaras na Gaeltachta
- Mr Colin Ludlow — Meath Partnership
- Mr Seamus McGee — Farming Sector (Vice Chairperson)
- Mr Noel Maguire — Trade Union Sector
- Ms Geraldine Hogarty — Youth Work Ireland Meath
- Ms Ciara Burke — Chamber of Commerce
- Ms Shola Yahya — Social Inclusion Sector
- Mr Garret O'Brien — Community & Voluntary Sector
- Ms Suzanne Brady — Environmental Sector (Chairperson)
- Ms Sharon Curran — Department of Social Protection
- Ms Susuana Komolafe — Social Inclusion Sector
- Vacant — Community Sector

LCDC Chief Officer Fiona Fallon.

Changes in Meath LCDC Membership in 2024

- Ms Suzanne Brady (Environment Sector) completed her term on the LCDC in 2024 and resigned as Chairperson. She was succeeded as Chairperson by Mr. Seamus McGee.

- Mr. Noel Maguire was elected as Vice – Chair.
- Ms. Aileen Brady replaced Ms Susuana Komolafe representing the Social Inclusion Sector
- Ms. Nicky Bowman was nominated to fill Vacant Community Sector position.
- Following the 2024 local elections and subsequent annual meeting of Meath County Council Cllr Yemi Adenuga, Cllr Elaine McGinty and Cllr Mike Bray were replaced by Cllr Eddie Fennessy, Cllr Maria Murphy and Cllr Padraig Coffey.

Brian Hora succeeded Fiona Fallon as Chief Officer.

Membership of the Meath LCDC on 31st December 2024

• Mr. Kieran Kehoe,	Chief Executive, MCC
• Cllr Eddie Fennessy,	Councillor, Meath County Council
• Cllr Maria Murphy	Councillor, Meath County Council
• Cllr Padraig Coffey	Councillor, Meath County Council
• Ms. Sharon Curran,	Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
• Ms Sadie Ward McDermott,	Louth / Meath Education & Training Board
• Ms. Johann McKeever,	Health Service Executive
• Mr. Sean Ó'Coisdealbha,	Údarás na Gaeltachta
• Mr Joe English,	Local Enterprise Office
• Mr. Colin Ludlow,	Meath Partnership
• Mr Gareth O'Brien,	Community Sector
• Ms Shola Yahya,	Social Inclusion Sector
• Ms. Ciara Burke,	Business Sector
• Mr Seamus McGee,	Farming Sector (Chairperson)
• Mr Noel Maguire,	Trade Union Sector (Vice Chairperson
• Ms Geraldine Hogarty,	Youth Work Ireland Meath
• Aileen Brady	Social Inclusion Sector
• Nicky Bowman	Community Sector
• Vacant	Environment Sector
LCDC Chief Officer	Brian Hora

Schedule of Meetings and attendance

As set out in the Standing Orders, the quorum for Meath LCDC meetings is 11 and for LAG meetings is 10. Combined 22 meetings were scheduled for 2024 with 8 not achieving a quorum. No meetings during 2024 had full attendance.

- 24th Jan No Quorum LCDC & LAG
- 23rd Feb LCDC and LAG
- 22nd March LCDC and LAG
- 26th April No Quorum LCDC & LAG
- 24th May LCDC and LAG
- 28th June LCDC and LAG
- 26th July LAG No Quorum LCDC
- 27th Sept LCDC and LAG
- 25th Oct No Quorum
- 22nd Nov LCDC and LAG
- 13th Dec` LCDC and LAG

Table 1 Meath LCDC Members Attendance at Meetings 2024

LCDC/LAG meetings attendance - 2024		Meetings Attended	Total Meetings	Attendance %
Committee Member	**Organisation**			
Kieran Kehoe	Local Govt Official	11	11	100%
Cllr Edward Fennessy	Local Govt Member	5	6	83%
Cllr Padraig Coffey	Local Govt Member	4	6	67%
Cllr Maria Murphy	Local Govt Member	6	6	100%
Joe English	Local Enterprise Office	10	11	91%
Sean O Choisdealbha	Udaras na Gaeltachta	5	11	45%
Sharon Curran	Dept of Social Protection	2	11	18%
Sadie Ward McDermott	LMETB	4	11	36%
Johann McKeever	HSE	10	11	91%
Colin Ludlow	Partnership Company	10	11	91%
Seamus McGee	Farming Sector	11	11	100%
Noel Maguire	Trade Union Sector	7	11	64%
Geraldine Hogarty	Youth Work Ireland Meath	8	11	73%
Garret O'Brien	Community Sector	8	11	73%
Shola Yahya	Social Inclusion	6	11	55%
Ciara Burke	Chamber of Commerce	7	11	64%
Aileen Brady	Social Inclusion	4	9	44%

Nicky Bowman	Community Sector	6	9	67%
Environment - Vacant	VACANT	n/a	n/a	n/a

Brian Hora

Meath LCDC Chief Officer



Section B Chairpersons Report

As Chairperson of the Meath LCDC, I am delighted to present to you a detailed account of the activities of the Meath LCDC in 2024. I want to thank my follow committee members, past and present for their continued support to the Meath LCDC. In particular I want to express by gratitude to the former Chairperson Ms Suzanne Brady for her excellent stewardship of the Meath LCDC and also to former Chief Officer Ms Fiona Fallon for her dedication and commitment to the role.

2024 was a very busy year and the report sets out the key activities of the Meath LCDC across each of its areas of responsibility.

Local Economic and Community Plan



The Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was officially launched in January 2024. The implementation plan clearly set out lead partner and supporting agencies together with a given timeframe for delivery of each action within the Plan. A tender for a cloud-based implementation and monitoring solution was completed in 2024 and will be delivered in 2025. As part of the

implementation process key stakeholders are invited to present to the Meath LCDC on implementation of specific elements of the LECP. In 2024 presentations were received from

- Meath Women's Refuge Support Service on Zero Tolerance Meath
- Meath Public Participation Network
- Healthy Meath Coordinator on the Healthy Ireland Fund
- Cultúr Migrant Centre on the Community development Pilot Programme

The implementation of the actions in the LECP will be a priority for the LCDC during the lifetime of the Plan**.**

LEADER Programme

Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland | Tionscadal Éireann Project Ireland 2040
Arna chomhchistiú ag an Roinn Forbatha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Co-funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development

Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe Our Rural Future

Arna chomhchistiú ag an Aontas Eorpach Co-funded by the European Union

Meath LCDC also sits as the Local Action Group (LAG) for the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme. Highlights for 2024 include:

- Closing out of the 16-22 LEADER programme
- Launch of the new 23-27 LEADER programme,
- Induction of new Independent Evaluation Committee and onboarding of new LAG members
- Setup and rollout of pre-application animation and capacity building workshops for promoters

The **LEADER (RDP)** 23-27 programme commenced in mid-year the first tranche of projects progressed to evaluation in October 2024.

Expression of Interest presented to LAG 2024 under LEADER (RDP) 23-27

Total Number of EOIs	Total Eligible	Total Ineligible
29	26	3

Project LAG Approved under the LEADER (RDP) 23-27

6 projects were recommended to the LAG by the IEC in 2024. All projects recommended were approved by the LAG.

LEADER 2024 LAG Approved Projects

Project Promoter	**Project**	**Total Cost of project**	**LAG Approved**	**Status at 31/12/2024**
Drogheda Tidy Towns	The Well of Wisdom and Boann Art Installation	€100,373.75	€75,280.31	LAG Approved
Bomb Bays Indoor Golf	Bomb Bays Indoor Golf	€75,205.35	€56,404.01.	LAG Approved
Dunboyne Community Centre CLG	**Elevating Community Fitness and Access in Dunboyne CC**	€29,639.51	€22,229.62	LAG Approved
Greenpark Glamping	Greenpark Glamping	€132,036.00	€87,248.46	LAG Approved
The Boyne Valley School of Food Culture CLG	Samhain Festival of Food and Culture 2024	€13,490.00	€10,117.50	LAG Approved
St. Ultans GFC	Thomas Coogan Community Biodiversity Track	125,197.39	€93,898.04	LAG Approved

Further information on the LEADER (RDP) 2327 is available on LEADER | Meath.ie and www.meathpartnership.ie/en/rural-development/new-node/

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Administered by Pobal, SICAP is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills, and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.

SICAP is a targeted, holistic programme, for those who are most disadvantaged and less likely to access mainstream services, which provides supports directly to beneficiaries and links them into existing services. Programme Implementers (PIs) engage with marginalised communities and service providers using a community development approach to address issues relating to social exclusion and inequality. SICAP also prioritises local engagement and partnerships, between SICAP Programme Implementers, disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

SICAP is managed at a Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs), with support from local authorities, and actions are delivered by Programme Implementers (Meath Partnership).

Meath Partnership work with marginalised communities and service providers using a community development approach to improve people's lives. For example, helping people to find work or to upskill, providing CV training or a personal development course, helping them onto a work placement programme such as CE or Tús.

In 2024, the Meath LCDC approved the 2023 Annual SICAP End of Year Review, Quarter 1 Extension End of Year Review and Approved the 2024 Annual Plan.

A procurement process was completed for the operation of the 2024-2028 SICAP and the contract was awarded to Meath Partnership. The new contract commenced in April 2024 and an Extension to the previous programme was approved for the period 01st January 2024 to 31st March 2024.

Contract Signing for 2024-2028 SICAP



MEATH LCDC 2018-2022 SICAP End of Year Report 2023

The 2023 End of Year Report was approved at the 2024 February Meeting of the Meath LCDC.

An Overview on the 2023 SICAP EOY programme is as follows:

	Annual Targets	Actual
KPI 1	45	52
KPI 2	275	522
Annual Budget €755,991		

KPI1 was overachieved for 2023 at 116%. 52 Community Groups were supported with 13 grants provided to Local Community Groups in Meath.

KPI2 was overachieved for 2023 at 190%. 522 individuals had been supported despite the high-level complexity of needs of those clients and therefore far more in-depth support was provided to those clients.

MEATH LCDC 2018-2022 SICAP End of Year Report 2024 Extension Quarter 1

	Annual Targets	Actual
KPI 1	7	1 7
KPI 2	41	99
Quarter 1 Budget €191,248		

KPI1 was overachieved for Quarter 1 2024. 17 Community Groups were supported.

KPI2 was overachieved for Quarter 1 2024. 99 individuals had been supported despite the high-level complexity of needs of those clients and therefore far more in-depth support was provided to those clients.

MEATH LCDC 2024 – 2028 SICAP Annual Plan 2024

The contract for the new SICAP Programme 2024 -2028 commenced on 1st April and the 2024 Annual Plan was agreed for a period of 9 months from 1st April 2024 to 31st December 2024. The SICAP Budget for 2024 was €688,365.00

Annual KPI Targets & Actuals			
	Target	Actuals	%Achieved
KPI 1	36	40	111%
KPI 2	218	296	136%
% of Supported Individuals who fall into local priority target group(s)	0.00	96.62	

SICAP CASE STUDY MEATH 2024 LOT 11-1

"Restoring Hope: SICAP's Collaborative Response to Homelessness in County Meath"

Homelessness, and the risk of homelessness, remains a growing issue across Ireland, with significant numbers of individuals experiencing housing instability. SICAP in Meath has responded with a comprehensive approach that tackles not only the immediate needs of homeless individuals but also serves to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Through multiagency collaboration, community-based interventions, and holistic wraparound services, SICAP has made a real impact on the lives of those facing homelessness.

This case study outlines SICAP's multifaceted approach to addressing homelessness, highlighting the successes and challenges from 2018-2024, key initiatives, and lessons learned from providing targeted interventions. It also examines the strategic shifts within SICAP's delivery model to align more fully with community development principles. The 2024 SICAP Case Study was approved by the LCDC in October 2024 and may be viewed here SICAP Case Study Meath 2024 - Thematic Area - Homelessnes.pdf

Further information on SICAP annual plans and report are available on Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) | Meath.ie or www.meathpartnership.ie

Heathy Ireland Fund Round 4

The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023–2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021–2025.

For Healthy Ireland Round Four funding, focus is on two of the twenty-seven programme-level Healthy Ireland Outcome Indicators. Following an extensive public and stakeholder consultation and research process in late 2022, the following two indicators were agreed upon for Healthy Meath to focus on with the Round Four funding:

- Increase in positive mental health as per the energy and vitality index
- Decrease in unconditional probability of dying (aged 30-70) from four major non-communicable diseases: cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease, in terms of potential years of life lost

Key projects progressed in 2024 include:

- Progressing implementation of CommUnity Connects Mental Health Resource Pack which will be officially launched in Q1 2025.
- Commencement of Healthy Lifestyle Research Project in conjunction with Technological University Shannon (TUS)
- Chronic Disease Risk Management Programme

Summary of Heathy Ireland Fund Outputs 2024 Outcome Indicator One - Positive Mental Health

Outcome Indicator	Target Groups	Project Outputs	Target Numbers	Actual Achieved
Increase in individual's level of positive mental health as per Energy and Vitality Index	Adolescents & Young People General Population Traveller Community *	1. Total number of organisations who engage in Meath's' mental wellbeing network	27	24
		2. Total number of resources produced highlighting positive mental health supports available in County Meath	21	2
		3. Increase the number of individuals within target groups who self-report an increased awareness of positive mental health and supports available locally	290	471
		4. Increase the total number of individuals within target groups who self-report an increase in positive mental health parameters	2 90	500
		5. Increase total number of individuals within target groups engaged in local supports to enhance their own / families /communities positive mental health	290	708

Summary of Heathy Ireland Fund Outputs 2024 Outcome Indicator Two - Premature NCD Mortality

Outcome Indicator	Target Groups	Project Outputs	Target Numbers	Number Achieved
Decrease in unconditional probability of dying (aged 30-70) from CVD, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease.	Adolescents & Young People General Population People living in Disadvantaged Communities	1. Total number of community groups / local organisations who participate in local NCD focused campaign	30	33
		2. Total number of individuals within target groups who self-report having a better understanding of healthy lifestyle habits to reduce the risk of NCDs	90	322
		3.Increase the total number of initiatives made available to target groups within their own community	4	27
		4.Increase the total number of individuals within target groups who engage in local supports to reduce their own/families/communities' risk of NCDs.	90	820
		5.Increase the total number of individuals within target groups who report improved healthy lifestyle habits that can reduce their risk of NCDs	90	263

Healthy Meath Micro Fund

The Healthy Meath Micro Fund exemplifies the power of community-led initiatives to enhance public health and wellbeing. This innovative fund demonstrates how targeted, grassroots projects can align with broader health strategies to achieve tangible, life-changing outcomes.

The Healthy Meath Micro Fund actively aligns with key health frameworks, including the Healthy Ireland Framework, the Healthy Ireland Fund Local Strategy, and the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). By focusing on two priority outcomes—Positive Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles—the fund ensures targeted actions that address some of more urgent health challenges in Meath.

A project proposal was researched and developed by the Healthy Meath Coordinator. The proposal was recommended to the Meath LCDC and formally developed through the to the Healthy Meath Subgroup of the LCDC.

Funding of €10,000 was identified within the Healthy Meath 2024 funding allocation under Healthy Ireland programme. The fund was oversubscribed with 56 applications received.

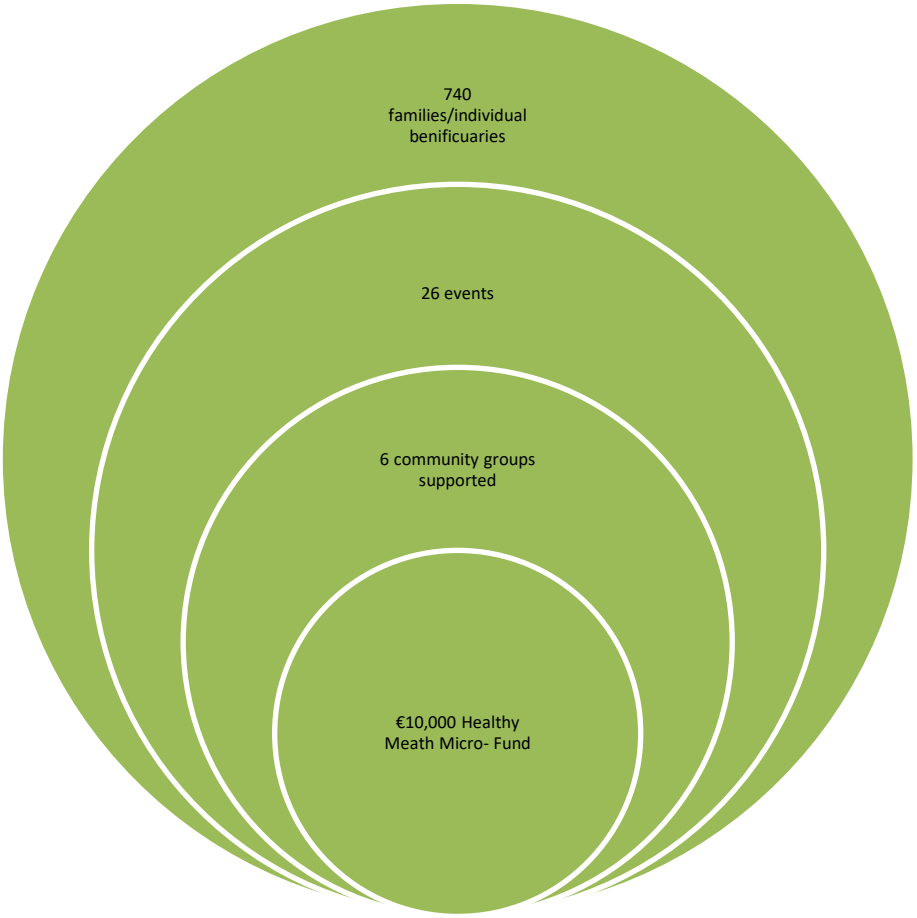

Figure 1Healthy Meath Micro Fund Outcomes 2024

The total HIF Spend in 2024; €101,458.55 from an allocated budget of €107,812.20. This funding continues a long-standing relationship between Healthy Ireland, Meath LCDC and Meath County Council who have an important role in promoting health and wellbeing in the County. It will enable health and wellbeing initiatives to be delivered at a local level for the population of County Meath in partnership with various organisations. Further information on the Healthy Ireland Fund is available on Healthy Ireland and Healthy Meath | Meath.ie

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2024 provided capital funding to support community groups across Ireland.

The LEP supports groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, energy efficiency type projects and purchase of equipment. The fund also aims to support local strategic priorities through linkages with LECP.

Meath LCDC is responsible for allocating funding to projects in County Meath.

The total allocation for LEP 2024 Funding was as follows:

- €163,632.52 – Capital Funding
- €30,897.50 – Women's Group Funding

Under the Capital Funding scheme 115 groups were funded with a further 11 groups funded under the Women's Group Funding.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, visited Trim Family Resource Centre in June 2024 to announce funding to support almost 500 Women's Groups nationwide, including 11 Women's Groups located in Co. Meath. Minister Helen McEntee was also in attendance.



Projects funded under the Local Enhancement Programme 2024

Group	MD Area	Purpose of Grant	Amount Recommended
Dunshaughlin Mens Shed	Ratoath	refurbishment works	€ 390
Electro Celtic FC	Kells	sports equipment	€ 500
Clonard Community Council	Trim	outdoor upgrading works	€ 511
Dunderry GAA Club	Trim	IT equipment	€ 597
Duleek Community Childcare CLG	Laytown	equipment	€ 679
Athboy Community Childcare CLG	Kells	sensory equipment	€ 800
Elmview Close Residents Association	Navan	Outdoor equipment	€ 900
Kells Tennis Club	Kells	replace tennis nets	€ 916
Bhulf Ton CLG	Kells	benches	€ 950
TAG Meath Autism Group	Navan	replace floor	€ 1,000
Polish Saturday School	Navan	educational equipment	€ 1,000
Skryne Pitch & Putt Club	Ashbourne	Petrol generator	€ 600
Broomfield & District Residents Association	Laytown	Upgrade works	€ 1,000
Wilkinstown Community Centre	Kells	CCTV & equipment for centre	€ 1,000
Kells Community Volunteers	Kells	Outdoor equipment	€ 1,000
Dunderry, Kilbride, Robinstown Community Hall CLG	Trim	IT equipment	€ 1,000
Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland	Laytown	equipment	€ 1,000
Ardcath Clonalvy Heritage Society	Ashbourne	outdoor equipment	€ 259
St Marys Villas Residents Association	Kells	equipment	€ 1,000
Slane Community Forum	Laytown	Printers	€ 500
Clann na Gael GAA Club	Kells	Security Cameras	€ 1,000
Castle Villa AFC	Kells	lawnmower	€ 1,000
Le Cheile Simonstown Childcare Facility CLG	Navan	equipment	€ 1,000
Drumconrath GFC	Kells	CCTV	€ 1,000
Kilmainhamwood GFC	Kells	sports equipment	€ 800
Kells by Candlelight	Kells	equipment	€ 1,000
Oldcastle Pitch & Putt	Kells	equipment	€ 1,000
First Steps, Lagore Community Childcare	Ratoath	IT equipment	€ 1,000
Ribbontail Canoe Club	Trim	Lifebuoy	€ 1,000

Scurlogstown Olympiad CLG	Trim	equipment	€	1,000
Summerhill GFC	Trim	furniture for clubhouse	€	1,000
Skryne Pitch & Putt Club	Ashbourne	rainwater harvesting	€	600
Pickleball Club Bettystown	Laytown	sports equipment	€	1,000
Fairways Park Residents Association	Laytown	outdoor benches	€	1,000
Summerhill Community Childcare	Trim	equipment	€	1,000
Trim Community Childcare	Trim	sports equipment	€	1,000
Crann Support Group	Trim	Office equipment	€	1,000
Clonalvy Revival	Ashbourne	outdoor equipment	€	1,000
Ratoath Rockets	Ratoath	sensory garden	€	1,000
Drumree GAA club	Ratoath	Upgrade of toilet block	€	1,000
Dunsany GAA Club	Ratoath	CCTV	€	1,000
14th Meath Kilbride Scout Group	Ashbourne	equipment	€	715
Cultur	Navan	Equipment	€	1,068
Castletown Kilpatrick Tidy Towns	Kells	Road sweeper	€	900
7th Meath Dunshaughlin Scout Group	Ratoath	equipment	€	1,000
Cultur	Navan	IT equipment	€	939
St Colmcilles GAA Club	Laytown	lawnmower	€	1,000
East Coast Family Resource Centre	Laytown	equipment	€	1,000
Abbeyfields Residents Association	Trim	outdoor equipment	€	1,000
Trim Mens Shed	Trim	equipment	€	1,200
Railway View Residents Association	Kells	Outdoor equipment	€	1,400
Nobber Community First Responders	Kells	AED	€	1,400
Moynalty Mens Shed	Kells	equipment	€	1,400
Oldcastle GFC	Kells	Biodiversity planting for garden	€	1,000
Bettystown Tidy Towns	LB	outdoor equipment grass cutting	€	1,000
Mollies Animal Rescue	Laytown	equipment	€	1,000
Navan O'Mahonys GAA club	Navan	sports equipment	€	1,500
Kells Local Heroes	Kells	IT equipment & office furniture	€	1,600
Third Age Foundation CLG	Trim	equipment	€	1,800
Skryne GFC	Ashbourne	upgrade works	€	1,500
Order of Malta Unit Navan	Navan	equipment	€	1,000

Enfield Development Group	Trim	Sensory garden equipment	€	1,800
Ashbourne Indoor Bowls	Ashbourne	sports equipment	€	1,500
5th Meath Kells Scouts	Kells	equipment	€	1,000
Rossin Rovers	Laytown	Upgrade works	€	1,500
St Marys GFC Donore	Laytown	lawnmower	€	1,500
Kells Bridge Club	Kells	IT equipment	€	1,500
Deerpark Bridge Club	Kells	IT equipment	€	1,500
Slane & District Men's Shed	Laytown	Refurbished Kiln	€	1,500
Bohermeen Community Centre	Navan	new floor in community centre	€	2,800
Rathkenny Village Hall	Laytown	Upgrade of Hall	€	1,800
Silverlawns Residents Association	Navan	equipment	€	1,500
St Brigids GFC Ballinacree	Kells	Kitchen upgrade	€	1,800
St Olivers Community Centre	Ratoath	refurbishment works	€	1,800
Kentstown Seneschalstown Accordion Band	Navan	Upgrade works to building	€	2,000
Cloisters Residents Association	Laytown	furniture for clubhouse	€	1,000
Killyon Hurling Club	Trim	Upgrade works	€	1,600
Slane Tidy Towns	Laytown	building upgrade	€	2,000
Athboy Development Forum	Kells	Upgrade works to building	€	1,800
Dunboyne A Team Arch Club	Ratoath	club equipment	€	1,500
Ratoath RFC	Ratoath	sports & general equipment	€	1,500
St Vincents GFC	Ashbourne	maintenance to walking track	€	1,800
Kilmessan Hurling Club	Ratoath	upgrade works & equipment	€	1,600
Newcastle Community Development	Kells	lighting for Community Hall	€	2,500
Boyerstown Parents Association	Kells	safety works outside of school	€	1,000
Clonard GAA club	Trim	water treatment system	€	1,800
Acquired Brian Injury Ireland	Navan	Polytunnels	€	2,000
Kilmainhamwood Area Development Association	Kells	Tables & chairs	€	1,500
Giggles Community Childcare Centre	Trim	sensory room	€	1,500
Killegland AFC	Ashbourne	outdoor benches	€	1,500
Trim Athletic Association	Trim	Upgrade of amenities	€	1,500
Sevitt Hall Residents Association	Laytown	Outdoor works	€	1,000
Laytown United FC	Laytown	equipment	€	1,600

Claremount Stadium	Navan	Upgrade to premises & IT equipment	€	2,500
Integrated Youth & Family Project Louth Meath	Navan	Upgrade heaters	€	2,000
Carnaross GFC	Kells	equipment for pitch maintenance	€	1,600
Core Ireland	Navan	equipment	€	1,600
Kilmainham GFC	Kells	Insulation	€	2,000
Cushinstown Athletic Club	Ashbourne	LED lighting	€	1,600
SOSAD	Navan	Upgrade works	€	3,100
Cloghertown United FC	Ashbourne	Sand based Pitch	€	1,600
Gaeil Colmcille CLG	Kells	lawnmower	€	1,600
Meath Hill GFC & Community Centre	Kells	maintenance works	€	1,600
Irish National Foresters Brass Band	Navan	equipment	€	1,000
Kells Men Shed	Kells	machinery & equipment	€	3,000
Eastern Gaels GAA club	Laytown	Sports equipment	€	1,500
Rathmolyon Hurling Club	Trim	lawnmower	€	1,500
Navan Pitch & Putt Club	Navan	Greens machine	€	1,600
Walterstown GFC	Navan	Maintenance to hall & new mower	€	1,600
Meath Womens Refuge	Navan	materials for upgrade works	€	5,000
Solas Glan Community Garden	Navan	Sensory Garden	€	4,500
Dunshaughlin Community Centre	Ratoath	Repair to Roof	€	4,500
Duleek Bellewstown & District CLG	Laytown	Chairs & floor cleaner	€	4,500
Kildalkey Community Hall Committee	Trim	Repairs to hall	€	2,500
Duleek Bellewstown GFC	Laytown	Safety Nets	€	1,600

Women's Groups Funding

Group	MD Area	Purpose of Grant	Amount Recommended
Ballinlough Womens Shed	Kells	equipment	€3,451.00
Women on the Move	Kells	Equine Therapy	€1,080.00
Cortown G4MO	Kells	furniture for clubhouse	€1,500.00
Rathkenny G4MO	Laytown	Sports equipment	€880.50
Navan Womens Shed	Navan	equipment	€1,800.00
Meath Travellers Workshop	Navan	equipment	€5,247.00

Dunsany Ladies GFC	Ratoath	equipment	€1,000.00
Kilmessan Camogie Club	Ratoath	Sports equipment	€4,639.00
Drumree Camogie Club	Ratoath	Upgrade works	€3,800.00
Trim Womens Shed	Trim	IT equipment	€2,500.00
Enfield Rathmolyon Parish Womens Shed Group	Trim	Insulation	€5,000.00

Other Programmes and Initiatives

Community Development Pilot Programme

This initiative seeks to challenge social exclusion, discrimination, and inequality experienced by ethnic minorities by promoting empowerment, participation, and organisation, working closely with local stakeholders and local communities. The programme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and delivered in Meath by Cultúr Migrant Centre with a budget of €125,000.

Annually Cultúr present an update to the Meath LCDC and highlights of the programme delivery in 2024 include:

- A new updated Community Profile has been created based on new CSO data,
- consultations with existing and new migrant communities throughout Louth and Meath
- 8 new volunteers have been recruited, and 2 CE worker are supporting the projects,
- A number of new groups have been identified in a number of locations, Ukrainian Groups, Ghanian Group, Future Parents Group – and are being supported.
- events to promote personal security in the context of far-right intimidation, registration to vote, poster campaign and workshops to tackle racism taking place too.
- development and production of leaflets and information documents in a number of languages – Ukrainian, Thai, French.
- In the lead up to the Local and General Elections the project supported the registration of more than 200 migrants/refuges on the electoral roll and delivered 6 workshops in voting in the local elections. This also led to one migrant leader running as a candidate.

The Department of Rural and Community Development announced the extension of the Community Development Pilot Programmes across the country in 2024 for a further period of 2 years which

included Cultúr Migrants Community Development Programme and funding for same has been sanctioned.

Dormant Accounts Funding LGBTI+

A successful application was made under the 2024 Dormand Accounts Fund to deliver a LGBTI+ Community Wellbeing Programme 2025. The proposed project aims to promote positive health and wellbeing amongst the LGBTI+ community, their families and wider community. The project will consist of 2 no. themed wellness workshops followed by an inclusive physical activity where participants can share experiences and learning while being physically active. These will be facilitated by the Meath LCDC /Healthy Meath Coordinator in conjunction with local LGBTI+ groups across the County. An allocation of €10,000 was approved and the project will be delivered in 2025.

2024 was in many ways a year of renewal of the Meath LCDC with changing membership and new SICAP and LEADER programmes launched. The Meath LCDC will play its part in ensuring these and other initiative under its remit are implemented to achieve the maximum positive impact for our county. This will only be achieved through collaboration and community engagement. Meath LCDC is well placed to deliver on its vision for county Meath as “An economically vibrant, and environmentally sustainable county that offers high quality of life for its diverse communities.”

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