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PPN Network	Referral Summary	Theme	Response details
Layt-Bet	1) Derelict and empty sites especially the Square in Bettystown. Signage was erected despite the owners not being contactable. Stated that they are contributing to points being lost in the Tidy Towns Competition.	Crime and Community Safety	Additional resources have been allocated by the Council for 2019 to tackle the problems of derelict and empty sites and buildings. The Square in Bettystown will be targeted for action. This area was included in an application for Urban Regeneration funding in 2018 and while not successful under the first phase it is proposed to re-submit when further calls for proposal are announced.
Layt-Bet	1) Anti- social behaviour on the beach at night particularly in relation to cars joyriding and being burnt out	Crime and Community Safety	1) Raised at the Public Joint Policing Committee meeting in Navan (2) Response from Environment Section: this is primarily a matter for the Gardai who we work closely with in terms of measures to reduce the extent of the problem. Consideration was given to placing a barrier at the main entrance but there are mixed views in respect of such a proposal including reservations from the Gardai. Foreshore by- Laws made in 2010 are to be revised as part of the preparation of a Beach Management Plan and which will impose some further restrictions in relation to activities on the beach. Every effort is made to have burned out cars removed as expeditiously as possible from the beach in view of the pollution risks created by same.
Layt-Bet	Inadequate provision of roads inside and outside of new estates especially around Castlemartin right across to Golflinks Road. Planning permission was given for four or five large estates with only one road through, and which will also take traffic trying to avoid the Square in Bettystown. Further housing estates are planned for this area. There is a fourth arm of a roundabout on the Bettystown Cross to Donacarney Road. Estates will no longer be safe for children because of the huge volumes of traffic anticipated to be using these "estate" roads.	Local Authority Issue:	Development Plan & Local Area Plan sets out transport and movement strategy for the area which is sustainable for all modes of transport. Currently, only road under consideration is the R150 Spine Road. In 2016, MCC launched scheme for 30km speed limit in housing estates which residents can apply for.
Layt-Bet	There was also a call for developers to install footpaths before houses are declared ready for sale and occupation.	Local Authority Issue	MCC monitor adherence to the conditions of planning permissions in so far as resources will allow. Before an estate is taken in charge by the Council, developers have to demonstrate compliance with all conditions of planning permission
Layt-Bet	Lack of footpaths (Donacarney School to Bettystown Cross), no kerb on Golflinks road, and the absence of a raised kerb on various footpaths leading to schools.	Local Authority Issue	Walking and cycling study East Meath 2013 identified recommendations & 4 phases of infrastructure required subject to funding

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Layt-Bet	Because of the difficulties described above it has been reported that some people have taken to using the beach as a road to avoid the congestion and Beach Park Residents cannot gain entry or exit to their estate.	Environmental and Safety	While Beach Wardens operate on the beach during the summer months and seek to control traffic movements it is very difficult to restrict access under current arrangements. It is a recommendation of the draft beach management plan to have a phased removal of cars from the beach but this will only be achieved where alternative car parking is provided in close proximity to the beach.
Layt-Bet	It was felt that the proposed doubling of capacity in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh was too big for the site. The question was asked as to why it could not be moved across the road alongside the other two schools.	Dept. of Education	Dept of Education
Layt-Bet	There is not always a lay-by provided for the official bus stop so traffic piles up behind buses, whether local, commuter or private buses on the narrow roads between Grangerath to Donacarney, Donacarney to Bettystown, Bettystown to Laytown, or Mornington to Donacarney.	Local Authority Issue	Meath Co. Co.work with Bus Eireann/NTA/private bus operators to identify requirements re bus stops. Council relies on funding from NTA. To date, 10 have been installed over 2013/2014.
Layt-Bet	The road from Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh to Bettystown is now too narrow. Difficult for buses and cars to pass on opposite side, and there is a real danger of bus mirrors/large vehicle mirrors striking people on the footpaths (has already happened).	Local Authority Issue	New road R150 will assist with managing this. Will have designated walking and cycling ways.

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Layt-Bet	The survey done by a professional company for Julianstown has stated that the 23,000 cars going daily through Julianstown are NOT comprised of those avoiding the Toll but are those from the Coast – Laytown, Bettystown, Mornington and Donacarney, and southern environs of Drogheda (Dublin Road Estates) and Grangerath. 1800 extra homes are planned for the area!	Local Authority Issue	MCC are preparing capital appraisal to submit to Dept. of Transport for bypass for Julianstown. In the interim, working on a traffic calming plan.
Layt-Bet	The dangerous corner at St Mary's Church in Julianstown is still there. There have been fatalities in the past. The trucks and buses find it extremely difficult to negotiate because the road is exceedingly narrow. When is the bank or wall going to be moved.	Local Authority Issue	Not currently on work programme.
Layt-Bet	The M1 is insufficient to carry commuter traffic either south in the mornings or north in the evenings. There are also tailbacks at Junction 7 (City North) because of the speed limits in Julianstown. The situation is due to worsen when traffic calming measures are introduced. What is needed is a by-pass for Julianstown and new roads to carry traffic out of the coastal villages/urban conurbation. It was stated that it was believed that the proposed Spine Road from Tesco Roundabout to Julianstown Road cannot now be built because a Soccer Club has been allowed to open Grounds across the lands previously set aside so there will be no improvement for commuters in the foreseeable future.	Local Authority Issue	Refer to TII's performance indicators . Spine road is going ahead, applying for capital appraisal for Julianstown as above.
Layt-Bet	Perceived failure of MCC to hold Contractors to account when roads/footpaths are dug up by utility and other companies. A patch job is done rather than a return to exactly the quality of the surface before. Residents have already paid through their Building Contractors. Putting down a temporary surface either inside an estate or on a main road is a waste of time. Are MCC responsible for seeing that the surface is left as was found?	Local Authority Issue	Guidelines in place for managing openings in public roads by the Dept. Transport Tourism & Sport are adhered to by MCC. A licence is issued to ensure guidelines are adhered to.

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	[In relation to Planning the importance of making submission to the CDP and LAP and Beach Management Plan was emphasised. The mechanism for making an objection or submission re planning was also explained, ie County Council, An Bord Pleanala, etc. [The reaction was quite cynical as several groups had been involved unsuccessfully. The feeling was that "Planning" within Meath County Council (and possibly other Councils) did not take the opinions of residents into account and it was, therefore, a futile exercise. The CDP and the LAP seem to be set aside at will. What is the purpose in having them?]	Local Authority Issue	Response from Environment: Submissions to Plans including the Beach Management Plan – Environment used a new consultation portal called https://consult.meath.ie/ to facilitate an easy means for members of the public etc to make submissions or observations on the draft beach management plan. All submissions received are given full consideration as part of the plan preparation process. Response from planning: All submissions are given due consideration as part of the consultative process with communities. Individuals/groups are encouraged to make submissions and get involved in the consultations held as part of the development of the County Development Plan which on completion goes to the Full Council to be discussed and adopted by Elected Members.
Layt-Bet	Lack of recognition of the work carried out by volunteers and the contribution that they make to communities	Community Enablement	Community Dept review schemes continually for accessibility, participation and flexibility regarding needs of volunteers. Dept. of Rural and Community Development are currently going through a consultation process which has been advertised through the PPN
Layt-Bet	Length of time taken to get projects underway and for decisions to be made particularly in relation to the Boyne Trail	Community Enablement	In order to follow due process, must comply with regulation. Route had to be changed.

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Layt-Bet	<p>Increasing level of bureaucracy and the complexities relating to setting up a group and maintaining it. Other areas highlighted;</p> <p>a) Insurance: voluntary bodies whose work benefits each County Council, not just Meath, are penalised in being asked to pay relatively large sums of money to insure their members doing work benefitting each County Council</p> <p>b) Necessity to form Companies Limited by guarantee for funding purposes</p> <p>c) Auditing Expenses – can be up to €1500</p> <p>d) CE Schemes – huge administrative burden borne by the voluntary organisation</p> <p>e) Grants from Councils at moment do not require to have been given Charitable Status but will possibly require it in the future.</p> <p>f) Charities Regulator burdensome – not designed for small organisations. Driving volunteers away.</p> <p>g) Code of Governance – burdensome for small organisations. Training for volunteers too costly.</p>	Community Enablement	<p>Community: insurance is required for the protection of groups and their members. Insurance is required for any works commenced by groups. Issue in relation to the cost of insurance has been raised with the Dept. of Rural and Community Development. Criteria are set by government depts which MCC must comply with. Public funding requires accountability. Issues highlighted will inform submission on Govt. Volunteer Strategy. Meath Volunteer Centre, hosted by Meath Partnership could be a source of additional support for volunteer groups.</p>
Layt-Bet	<p>Seeking alarm systems for the elderly used be a simple process, a simple form. Pobal now administer the Scheme and the process is most definitely not user-friendly.</p>	Community Enablement	<p>Issues (insurance, admin, red tape) will inform submission on Volunteer Strategy on behalf of the PPN membership</p>
Layt-Bet	<p>Issue raised in relation to the availability of premises for a local boxing club who have to move out of their current premises.</p>		<p>No Meath Co. Co. owned buildings in Laytown. Site identified for the development of community amenities/meeting space, however planning restrictions on what buildings can be provided. Consideration being given to Bettystown site for library which will include community space.</p>
Layt-Bet	<p>It is generally very difficult to contact anyone in any Department or Organisation if you are a voluntary body in order to get a response</p>	Communication / Networking	<p>Meath Co. Co. has a procedure in place to ensure that all queries are passed on to the relevant Departments and dealt with. All calls are logged by Customer Service and a reference number allocated and given to customer. The system produces a report on the status of queries received which is reviewed by management</p>

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Ratoath	Short timelines for submitting applications on some funding schemes. Deadlines to be met are too tight. Often funding targetting projects that need to be ready to go. Also the time of year particularly the summer period as for some groups this is a wind down period.	Funding	Extensions of deadlines are considered on request for MCC community grants scheme. Improved grants schedule hoped for in 2019 from central government.
Ratoath	Access to grants requires that the money is spent and receipted before drawdown, this can be particularly difficult for small groups with no funds. Contractors also generally paid at the end of the year.	Funding	Access to loan facilities may be available through Credit Unions or Community Finance Agencies. Phased payment may be facilitated. General policy of work commencement or completion required before funding drawdown.
Ratoath	Query if it was possible to issue smaller grants on a rolling basis to resident's groups annually without having to submit the same application	Funding	Suggestion that information on forms could be transcribed from year to year if content has not changed. Also the Citizens Information Services and Community Hubs are available to provide support
Ratoath	Cost of insurance for voluntary groups due in part to the emphasis on Health and Safety. This is hampering the progress of groups. County Council should look at ways to assist groups around this issue	Community Enablement	This has been raised at a national level with the Dept. of Rural and Community Development. Public liability insurance is required for some of the grant schemes advertised, in order to protect the group and provide indemnification of MCC. Secretariat currently developing a proposal to the Dept. of Rural and Community Development.
Ratoath	Query with regard to the breakdown in the amount of property tax that is allocated to funding each of the Municipal Districts.	Funding	Annual Budget document for 2017 forwarded to member. No breakdown of property tax allocation available from MCC Finance Section at this time.
Ratoath	Query raised in relation to whether all groups are expected to register with the Charities Regulator	Compliance	It was noted that if groups are fundraising from the public that it is recommended that they would be set up as charities. Charities Regulator attended PPN meeting

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Ratoath	Request to Meath Co. Co. to publish the breakdown of the amount allocated to community groups on an annual basis.	Local Authority Issue	Request made to the community section. Amounts for 2017 published on the MCC website. 2018 allocations being finalised for publication on MCC website.
Ratoath	Query re: planning developments within the County and how information on the bigger developments can be obtained. It was noted that there are a further 1700 units of accommodation being developed in Dunshaughlin and residents would like to know what are the plans for managing this particularly the traffic congestion, water, sewerage	Local Authority Issue	Opportunity for the public to make submissions as part of the planning application process. Notifications of applications are available on the MCC website and local newspapers. Planning search can be done at the MCC planning department. counter. Report is required from MCC as part of the application process for the developments that go directly to An Bord Pleanála. Areas including transport, water and sewerage are addressed in this report. Process of zoning included in the Local Area Plans and County Development Plan which are discussed and adopted by the Full Council
Ratoath	Boundary issue in Baltrasna is causing confusion and anger in the locality. Resident's present believe that all of the Baltrasna area should be within the Ashbourne Municipal District as opposed to part being in the Ratoath Municipal District	Local Authority Issue	Planning Department to review
Ratoath	Poor water quality in the Ardlee and Dunshaughlin areas	Local Authority Issue	Irish Water to be notified
Ratoath	Is the Gateway Project going to be considered again?	Local Authority Issue	This scheme was run through the Dept. of Social Protection. No communication to indicate that the scheme would be extended.
Ratoath	Is it the policy of the County Council to use concrete or paving for footpaths going forward? Groups outlined that the use of concrete contributes to flooding and does not look as well as the paving.	Local Authority Issue Human Resources	Not policy to use concrete only. Generally for town centres, preference is for paving
Ratoath	Query on the pedestrian area around Supervalu and footpaths around College Close as to who is responsible for their upkeep?	Local Authority Issue	Plans are progressing to take this road in charge
Ratoath	Wheelchair accessibility around Dunshaughlin is extremely poor.	Local Authority Issue	Access Officer details accessofficer@meathcoco . Nothing in current workplan from transportation.

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Ratoath	As the town of Dunshaughlin continues to grow at a rapid rate we are keen to establish what the state of play is in relation to the proposed ring road to the east of the town and indeed is there a likelihood that the ring road to the east of the town might get the green light in the near future.	Local Authority Issue	Nothing in current workplan to progress this. Development is developer-led and MCC does not have funding allocated.
Ratoath	Query if there was an overview of the Departments within Meath Co. Co. and an outline of the areas of responsibilities covered by each department.	Local Authority Issue	As part of the upgrading of the website more information will be available for the public to view.
Ratoath	Feedback on the issues raised requested and regular updates through the PPN	PPN	Email updates sent to members generally weekly. Website and facebook updated as information received
Ratoath	Phone call and email queries are not responded to by some sections within Meath Co. Co.	Local Authority Issue	Meath Co. Co. has a procedure in place to ensure that all queries are passed on to the relevent Department and dealt with. All calls are logged by Customer Service and a reference number given. The system produces a report on the status of queries received which is reviewed by management
Ratoath	Stewarts Care Kilcloon requested involvement from any groups that are interested in providing placements for their residents. Details to be forwarded to Catherina for circulation	Community Enablement	Awaiting correspondence
Ashbourne	Lack of outdoor space for recreation and play.	Local Authority Issue	Linear Park, Ashbourne, contractor onsite. Completion planned for early summer 2019. Progress reports submitted to Ashbourne MD on a monthly basis.
Ashbourne	Lack of consultation with loacl groups in relation to the park development. They have an issue insofar as the Linear Park was approved a number of years ago but not delivered as yet and there is no engagement with the County Council since a recent public protest.	Local Authority Issue	Consultation included in Part 8 process. Open Space group now formed to receive updates on progress of the linear park.

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Ashbourne	Upkeep of areas around the housing estates demands a lot of time from volunteers especially the bigger estates. The local authorities have very little input into private estates when taken in charge. There should be a recognition by the Council of the work involved and the amount of volunteer time that is involved	Local Authority Issue	Community grants and Pride of Place initiative are principle means of support given resource constraints.
Ashbourne	Getting people involved as volunteers to organise events particularly with the Ashbourne 200 event due to take place in 2020. Suggestion that the Council could get involved in marketing the event	Community Enablement	Meeting of the committee took place in January. Representatives from a cross-section of Meath County Council departments will attend this meeting. The departments will outline potential synergies with existing programmes and advise on potential sources of funding.
Ashbourne	Traffic conjection around the Rathlodge area when exiting to the right.	Local Authority Issue	Part 8 to upgrade the R135. MCC have plans to install cycle lanes, reduce speed/volume. Ashbourne bypassed in 2006.
Ashbourne	Anti-social behaviour around the Broadmeadow River. The River trust and tidy towns clean the town and provide compost heaps and bug hotels along the river. These bug hotels have been vandalised and also compost heaps tampered with. It seems that part of the problem stems from young people in groups, having little to do, peer pressure and a lack of respect for community and people.	Anti-social and Youth	Raised at the JPC by PPN representative.
Ashbourne	Query around what sustainability initiatives are included as part of the Linear Park development. Suggestion that water fountainsproviding drinking water could be in place in parks and green spaces to encourage people to bring their own bottles and reduce waste.	Environment: Sustainability / Waste reduction / Recycling	Forwarded for inclusion in consultants report.

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Ashbourne	Query re: what is the plan for Kilbride? Development seems to be stalled at present. Consideration needs to be given to ensure that there is proper planning in the delivery of housing. Currently there are issues around poor signage, potholes, speed limit and lack of maintenance around the area.	Local Authority Issue	Under the current County Development Plan, Kilbride is designated a village and it is proposed as part of the new CDP that this designation will remain.
Ashbourne	Legislation should be in place to ensure that the local authority is responsible for the upkeep of areas within private housing estates that are taken in charge	Local Authority Issue	Resources not available within MCC to maintain green areas of estates taken in charge.
Ashbourne	No signage at St. Mary's school or Racehill Crossing.. Road as far as Dunnes doesn't go North	Local Authority Issue	Clarify issue raised with group
Ashbourne	Response requested from the Council in relation to their responsibilities within housing estates taken in charge	Local Authority Issue	Currently Council responsible for water, sewerage, footpaths, lighting and roads within estates taken in charge.
Ashbourne	Cycle lanes in Ashbourne are being blocked by parked cars.	Policing issue/Local Authority Issue	Raised at the JPC by PPN representative.
Ashbourne	Road safety an issue on the R135 from Millbourne to school gates and the Thomastown roundabout	Local Authority issue	7 speed tables, pedestrian crossing & cycle lane have been installed. Ongoing upgrade of the R135
Ashbourne	Garden City Estate Crostwood roads need to be upgraded.	Local Authority issue	MCC intend to resurface a section of the entrance to Garden City in 2019. It is proposed that the works will start at Castle Street and finish near the bus layby or further if funds allow. All proposed works subject to funding
Ashbourne	Query re: what is the property tax that is collected being spent on.	Local Authority issue	Link to 2018 budget http://intranet/MeetingandPublicationLibrary/Publications/FinancePublications/Budget/File,68692,en.pdf
Ashbourne	Maintenance of the Arkle Statue by Meath Co. Co. has not been poor and the Tidy Towns Committee outlined that a point was lost in the Tidy Towns competition as a result.	Local Authority issue	MCC maintains the area surrounding the Arkle Statue via an annual contract for Town Enhancement. The comments of the Tidy Towns Committee have been noted and we can meet with the Committee to discuss the matter further

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Ashbourne	Engaging young people to get involved in volunteering	Community Enablement	Youth Plenary event held on the 7th Dec 2018 to improve youth engagement. Dept. of Rural and Community Development currently carrying out a consultation on volunteering to develop a volunteering strategy
Ashbourne	Length of time it takes to remove abandoned cars	Local Authority Issue	The matter of dealing with abandoned vehicles is an extremely complex one, therefore each case is dealt with individually, in many cases in conjunction with the Garda Siochana under the relevant sections of legislation. In 2016 Meath County Council adopted a new abandoned Cars policy which recognises such complexities including determining if the vehicle is abandoned at all and making contact with the owners. The policy sets out various stages in the process and seeks to ensure that the owners are properly notified and afforded the opportunity to remove the vehicle but at the same time , a definitive timeline is set for its removal where the owners is not contactable etc.
Ashbourne	Decision made to re-establish the working group to focus on the progression of open spaces in the Ashbourne area. Request to be circulated to PPN members interested in becoming part of the group.	Community Enablement	Open Space group formed with Terms of Reference
Ashbourne	Need for facilities for sports clubs in the district especially soccer	Local Authority Issue	MCC investment made in Ashbourne. No MCC land available. If alternative site can be identified, proposals can be examined re; funding sources.
Navan	Facilities for the Men's Shed in Navan are poor. Currently operating out of a container and no access to a proper workshop. Council have been approached to clear an area on the Claremont site with a view to putting another container on the site for a workshop.	Community Enablement/ Local Authority Issue	Options being explored
Navan	Most grants applied for require that the money is spent before drawdown. In some instances groups do not have any funds to pay contractor.	Community Enablement/ Local Authority Issue	Public funding requires adherence to criteria set by central government and usually requires money is spent before it can be drawn down. As per previous the local Credit Union may be an option to consider.
Navan	Duplication on an annual basis to complete community grant applications that are advertised.	Community Enablement/ Local Authority Issue	Nature of annual funding requires review process and re-advertisement annually. Grant scheme approved by SPC annually

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Navan	Rise in the level of anti-social behaviour particularly in the Johnstown area due in part to the increasing population due to ongoing housing developments. No services in place for young people and no premises in the area to operate services	Policing issue/Local Authority Issue	Raised at JPC meeting
Navan	Proper planning needs to be a priority particularly in the development of new housing estates. Consideration needs to be given to the provision of adequate community services and other services. Currently no community premises in the Johnstown area.	Policing issue/Local Authority Issue	Recent application under the Urban Regeneration and Renewal Scheme was unsuccessful. As part of the process for the development of the CDP, communities will get the opportunity to feed into the Local Development Plans for their area. For Navan, mid Quarter 2, 2021 is the planned timeline.
Navan	It was outlined that there has been no replacement for the community guard in Johnstown. It was suggested that a sub station needs to be put in place in the Johnstown area given the increase in anti-social behaviour and the difficulty getting a response from the main garda station.	Policing issue	Raised at the JPC
Navan	Request from Meath Co.Co. for an update on the outcomes of the survey that was carried out in the Johnstown area re:provision of community facilities. Were the findings published and if so where can they be accessed.	Local Authority Issue	Report can be accessed on http://www.meathppn.ie/johnstown-community-survey-report_v1/
Navan	Query as to why Meath Co. Co. did not proceed with the purchase of a building (old Ben Dunne gym) for the purpose of a community centre in Johnstown	Local Authority Issue	Offer put in by MCC but not successful
Navan	Local link currently operating a service from Windtown to Beaufort College for students attending. Funding has not been secured to ensure that this service will continue	Funding	Dept. of Education
Navan	Anti-social behaviour in the O'Carolan Crescent estate in Carlanstown due in part to 4 vacant sites, request to Meath Co.Co. to outline plans for the dwellings	Policing issue/Local Authority Issue	Fencing has been erected on 3 of the sites and options being looked at for the 4th site. Vacant dwelling is being followed up on by the Environment Section. Email environment@meathcoco.ie
Navan	Query site in Bailis Manor which is currently derelict and contributing to anti-social behaviour within the area	Local Authority Issue	The Council have no record of receiving a previous complaint in respect of this premises. Follow up carried out by Meath Co. Co. at this address but the premises visibly occupied.

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Navan	Upkeep of areas around the housing estates demands a lot of time from volunteers especially the bigger estates. The local authorities have very little input into private estates when taken in charge. There should be a recognition by the Council of the work involved and the amount of volunteer time that is involved	Local Authority Issue	Pride of Place awards and annual grants schemes are available for groups to apply
Navan	Bins need to be placed in areas around two areas in particular one at the Athlumney Centre Bus Stop and the Bus Stop opposite Johnstown People's Park	Local Authority Issue	Request submitted to have included in the work programme for 2019. Environment: the need for additional bins will be investigated.
Navan	Increasing demand for secondary school places may not be met into the future unless more premises are made available	Funding	Dept. of Education
Navan	Anti-social behaviour around Clusker Park. Neighbourhood Watch being set up but the leaflet drop did not target all of the houses in the estate.	Policing issue	Raised at the JPC
Navan	Difficulty identifying and enlisting volunteers. Members recommended a nationwide TV campaign promoting volunteerism.	Community Enablement	Dept. of Rural and Community Development seeking submissions on volunteering.. Meath Volunteer Centre set up to support volunteers
Navan	Keeping rural communities connected and having social outlets for communities locally	Community Enablement/Funding	Proposals and suggestions to community@meathcoco.ie welcomed.
Kells	Getting people involved as volunteers and how to motivate them and keep them interested	Community Enablement	Dept. of Rural and Community Development seeking submissions on volunteering.. Meath Volunteer Centre set up to support volunteers
Kells	Costs involved in running the text alert scheme. Is there any way of reducing these	Funding	Contact Muintir na Tíre re; ways of managing costs.
Kells	Cost of insurance for voluntary groups due in part to the emphasis on Health and Safety. This is hampering the progress of groups. County Council should look at ways to assist groups around this issue	Community Enablement	This has been raised at a national level with the Dept. of Rural and Community Development. Public liability insurance is required for some of the grant schemes advertised, in order to protect the group and provide indemnification of MCC. Secretariat currently developing a proposal to submit to the Department.

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Kells	Level of bureaucracy involved in the application process for grants and the amount of time that volunteers spend completing applications	Community Enablement	Citizens Information Services and Community Hubs provide support with funding applications. Also Meath Partnership provide support for some grants. MCC review process on an annual basis to simplify the process
Kells	Sense that over regulation is being imposed on small community and voluntary groups who are involved in the upkeep of their areas or other activity locally	Community Enablement	Raised at a National level with the Dept. of Rural and Community Development.
Kells	Establishment of community based forums to focus on issues impacting on the locality	Community Enablement	PPN Municipal District meetings held by the PPN
Kells	Implementing the General Data Protection Regulations as they apply and the amount of work involved in this.	Community Enablement	Community hubs and Citizens Information Services provide support
Kells	Process in place for Garda vetting whereby each club/group have to carry out garda vetting rather than it being done on an individual basis.	Policing issue	Raised at JPC meeting. No plans to change the current system. Raised as part of the submission to the Dept. of Rural and Community Development on the volunteer strategy
Kells	Access to premises for community groups and premises that are fit for purpose	Local Authority Issue	Community house under consideration. Currently no land or buildings in MCC ownership in the area. Plan for community room in library
Trim	Cost of insurance for voluntary groups due in part to the emphasis on Health and Safety. This is hampering the progress of groups. County Council should look at ways to assist groups around this issue	Community Enablement/Funding	This has been raised at a national level with the Dept. of Rural and Community Development. Public liability insurance is required for some of the grant schemes advertised, in order to protect the group and provide indemnification of MCC. Secretariat currently developing a proposal to address this
Trim	Issue of litter especially illegal dumping in rural areas	Local Authority Issue	The Environment department are involved in a wide range of initiatives to curb the continuous problem of illegal dumping and including a current campaign using social media , billboards, and local media which seeks to discourage households etc from giving their waste to Man in a Van type operators who have no waste collection permits and who experience has found regularly dispose of same in high amenity areas such as bogs, forests and dunes. The Council are now using modern technology such as drones, wildlife cameras, CCTV etc in the fight against illegal dumpers and same has led to a number of successful prosecutions in the Courts and further cases pending.
Trim	Access to premises for community groups, some buildings not fit for purpose	Local Authority Issue	Plan for development in Trim subject to funding.

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Trim	Increasing level of bureaucracy and the complexities relating to setting up a group and maintaining it. Other areas highlighted; a) Insurance: voluntary bodies whose work benefits each County Council, not just Meath, are penalised in being asked to pay	Funding	Issues (insurance, admin, red tape) will inform submission on Volunteer Strategy on behalf of the PPN membership
Trim	Cost of renting premises	Community Enablement	MCC libraries as free host venue for events. List of libraries available on http://www.meathppn.ie/2019/01/24/library-branches-bookable-rooms/
Trim	Getting people involved as volunteers and how to motivate them and keep them interested	Community Enablement	Dept. of Rural and Community Development seeking submissions on volunteering.. Meath Volunteer Centre set up to support volunteers
Trim	Level of governance expected particularly for small groups and for groups who become a charity or company limited by guarantee. Responsibilities placed on volunteers who are Board members putting people off.	Compliance	Issues (insurance, admin, red tape) will inform submission on Volunteer Strategy on behalf of the PPN membership
Trim	Lack of facilities available for soccer club	Funding	Source funding from FAI sports capital fund. MCC grants depend on proposals submitted. Check out c
Trim	Commercial rate charged at the recycling centres for charities working in the area. Can this be reviewed by the Council	Local Authority Issue	Decisions in respect of the granting free entry for charities to the 3 Civic Amenity Sites will be considered as part of the review process of the contracts for the operation of the sites. The entry fees to the three Civic Amenity Sites was recently to €2 In addition funding provision was also agreed to support community and estate clean ups on a once off basis in each Municipal district during 2019 and essentially facilitating the disposal of waste items that might otherwise end up in the hands of unauthorised Man with a Van type collectors and thereafter being dumped.
Trim	Access to funding to ensure continuity in the delivery of services to the community.	Funding	Annual funding schemes require reapplication process.

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Trim	Query re: support available to community groups. Frustration on the part of the community groups when they are not getting a response from officials within the LA regarding decisions made that impact on the community. Reference to the Folk Park and facility that was earmarked for community use in the Trim area	Local Authority Issue	More information required
Trim	Buildings that are used by Community Groups that are being sold should be purchased by Meath Co. Co. to ensure that they are retained for use by community groups.	Local Authority Issue	Council will consider proposals from community groups.
Trim	Give groups the opportunity to meet through networking events locally	Community Enablement	Role of PPN at county and MD level
Trim	Build in a consultation process with communities to get their input on local developments that impact on their community	Local Authority Issue	Public have the opportunity to input through the consultations on the County Development Plan and Local Area Plans
Trim	Could a system be put in place to make an allocation of funding to community groups who apply annually for the community grants scheme without having to go through the same process on an annual basis	Funding	Budgets are allocated and agreed on an annual basis. Generally the Community grant application process does not change from year to year but it has to be approved annually.
Trim	Query re: what portion of the local property tax is allocated to the community department	Local Authority Issue	Link to 2018 budget http://intranet/MeetingandPublicationLibrary/Publications/FinancePublications/Budget/File,68692,en.pdf
Trim	Lack of recognition by the Local Authority of the work carried out by volunteers and the contribution that they make to communities	Local Authority Issue	MCC operate the community grant scheme and Pride of Place awards on an annual basis in recognition of the work carried out by volunteers. Suggestions welcome on ways to
Issues common to all Municipal Districts			

Funding applications and bureaucracy involved in submitting applications.

Getting people involved and keeping them involved as volunteers. More recognition by Meath Co. Council of work carried out by volunteers

Meath Co. Council need to involve communities in the consultation process for bigger developments to ensure adequate provision of services for the community

The lack of facilities and cost of existing facilities available to community groups for activities

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	Cost of insurance and the increasing level of governance responsibility being placed on groups		
	More information required on the services being provided by Meath Co. Council		
	Community		
	Planning		
	Corporate		
	Environment		
	Policing		
	Transport		
	Human Resources		
	Other		
	Dept. of Education		
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	SPC - Strategic Policy Committee	NTA - National Transport Authority	