

ember and January.

Inspector Paul Reidy told Limerick District Court 22.67 grams of cannabis was seized when the defendant's home was searched by on December 21, 2013.

Further quantities of the drug - including a plastic bag which was concealed in a tree - were seized at his home on January 21, last.

Insp Reidy said various paraphernalia associated with drug dealing, including a digital weighing scales and self-sealing plastic bags

**Judge Mary Larkin said the defendant has to do something about his drug habit**

were also seized during the searches at the defendant's home.

The total value of the drugs seized, the court heard, was €1,086.

Solicitor Darach McCarthy said his client - a father of five - is addicted to cannabis and admitted to gardai he was "selling to a couple of friends" in order to feed his own drug habit.

"He made admissions re-

garding his own use and for the purposes of sale or supply," he said

He added that his client, who still smokes cannabis, hopes address his problems and return to education in future.

Imposing sentence, Judge Mary Larkin asked how Mr Griffin manages five children "if he is smoking dope" and she commented that he "has to do

last December, she said she is considering a community service order.

She indicated that 120 hours is the appropriate penalty in lieu of a three month prison sentence.

She adjourned the case to February 21, next to facilitate the assessment of Mr Griffin's suitability by the Probation Service.

In doing so, she said he hopes he will take the chance to address his problems.

"This might be an opportunity for him to deal with his addiction," she said.

this would mean for the GVA proposal.

"Are there now plans to upgrade or retrofit what is quite an old building," he said.

Mr Dowling said there were "issues around access which are a challenge for the Granary" and that it remained the ambition to find "a new, modern, iconic library building in a central location".

One cultural institution that is moving is the Jim Kemmy Municipal Museum, although Cllr Leddin, Cllr James Collins, Fianna Fail,

**'Issues around access are a challenge for The Granary' -**

**Pat Dowling**

can Church on Henry Street and had successfully applied for funding from government in September 2011 to carry out remedial work. The building was currently drying out pending the next phase of the process, Mr Brady said.

# The Urban Dreamers to launch EP in HMV at the Parkway

LIMERICK'S newest rap collective, formed through a RTE documentary, will launch their new EP in the Parkway this Wednesday, writes Alan Owens.

The Urban Dreamers - put together by Niall Breslin on the show Bressie's Teenage Kicks - will sign copies of their EP Renegade Radio at HMV/Xtra Vision in the Parkway Shopping Centre at 12pm this Wednesday.

The rap group, made up of Nathan and Calvin from Moyross, Kelsey from St Mary's Park, Damien from Rhebogue and Sherisse from Southill, were handpicked by the Voice of Ireland judge to form the band, a process that has been documented on the three hour RTE show, the final episode of which airs this Tuesday night.

The Urban Dreamers appeared on the Saturday Night Show at the weekend to per-

form the song, an upbeat rock-driven track that was written for the band by Bressie, with the lyrics entirely written by the five-piece from Limerick.

Speaking about the process of putting the band together, Bressie told the Limerick Chronicle that it was a "brilliant journey - it wasn't forced".

"An awful lot of television is - you get a lot of producers that say 'we need this, or we need jeopardy'," he said. "I said we were going to do it naturally, and let everything happen naturally, and if something comes out of it then good, and that is the risk we have to take. And we did, and it ultimately paid off.

He admits that "at the start it was fairly knocking heads against the wall, but we got there in the end.

"I had thought that these guys that I picked were really talented, but they were

rapping the wrong way, they were rapping unbelievable negatively about everything," he said.

"I said, if you can change your focus - and you can still sing about the same things, try and bring an element of positivity to it.

"I decided I wanted to change the way they looked at songwriting, and I think it really helped.

"There is a lot of melody involved - a lot of rap music is based around loops and samples, we wanted it based around a band. Where I probably come into it is writing the guitar based stuff, that they could rap over.

"By the third episode something very special happens and I think all my answers, all my doubts were completely and utterly dispelled."

The final episode of Bressie's Teenage Kicks airs at 10pm on Tuesday on RTE Two.



Teenage kicks: Damien, Calvin, Sherisse, Bressie, Kelsey and Nathan, stars of the RTE television documentary series Bressie's Teenage Kicks, who have formed the group, The Urban Dreamers, and launch their EP in the Parkway this Wednesday.

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