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A special meeting was held in City Hall this week to consider a Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme to replace the 1999 guidelines.

Cllr John Gilligan had hoped to reach a compromise at the meeting, but it resulted in five Independents and two Fianna Fail councillors walking out in protest.

The document was then adopted by the remaining councillors.

The 1999 guidelines, as



Mayor Scully: councillors entitled to bring grievances to the Minister (LL)

well as the new document, state that SPC chairs should reflect the political representational spread of the Council.

"It is Cllr Gilligan's absolute right to bring his grievance to the Minister.

Cllr Gilligan contends that the decision is illegal; if he is right, he may have to bring it to the courts," said Mayor Scully.

"The Minister may have an opinion on it but it

states that operational issues will be dealt with in area meetings, which are closed to the media.

And notice of meetings must be given seven working days in advance, and the SPC's themselves will decide when they will meet, not the City Council.

"There was no provision in the document to specifically deal with the grievances which were addressed by the Independents and Fianna Fail at the meeting," said Mayor Scully.

The National Strategic Plan 2006-2008, which will be officially launched in Dublin Castle on February 13, is currently being launched around the country to ensure people on the ground are informed.

"We have tried to make it more relevant by including local launches, living documents, objectives and excellent models on how we will perform. It's exciting us," said Enable Ireland Limerick director of

Actor Jon is nominated for award

By ALAN JACQUES

LIMERICK entertainer Jon Kenny has been nominated for a Best Actor award in the Irish Times Theatre Awards for his role in Island Theatre Company's production of Under Milk Wood.

The production of Dylan Thomas's acclaimed work sees Jon Kenny and Myles Breen play more than 50 characters between them. Kenny's performance has been hailed by critics for its "deep fluidity and calm elegance".

The play, which enjoyed a very successful nationwide tour earlier this year, is at the Belltable from February 14 to 16.

Under Milk Wood tells the story of a Welsh seaside village with its many colourful and eccentric characters and is both funny and delightful. There are the secret fantasies of Gossamer Benyon, Mr Pugh who imagines concocting "a fricas-

see of deadly nightshade" to poison his wife, and Jack Black who chases sinning couples from the wood with his big stick.

Better known as one half of D'Unbelievables, Jon Kenny began his career in showbiz when himself and a few school friends in Hospital started a band called Gimik. Jon then caught the stagebug as an amateur actor in Limerick where he won several All-Ireland amateur drama awards. From here he went semi-professional and was appearing with such as the late John O'Regan's Theatre Omnibus while stiling a member of the band.

In 1988 he teamed up with Pat Shortt to form d'Unbelievables for which they became universally known for characters such as Butty Brennan and Roundy Mooney.

Under Milk Wood is directed and designed by Terry Devlin, with costumes by Jacquie Fitzpatrick and lighting by Gerard Meagher.



Emma Casey, Maura Lawlor, Sheree Harty and Maeve Keogh from Mar playing their project

Young Limerick scientists break the Da Vinci

By COLM WARD

LIMERICK students shone at this year's Young Scientists Exhibition, taking awards in several categories.

This year's event featured seven secondary schools from Limerick city and county: Laurel Hill, Villiers College, Desmond College Newcastle West, John the Baptist Community School Hospital, Colaiste Chiarain Croom, Hazelwood College Dromcollogher and Castletroy College.

All were highly praised for the quality of their entries.

Callan Coughlan of Castletroy College took third prize in the junior individual section in chemical, physical and mathematical sciences for his investigation of hydrogen as an alternative to



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oil. Callan was also awarded top prize for his display in the junior section.

Another Castletroy College student, Peter Benelov came third in the junior individual technology section for his project—a computer-based teaching aid for multiplication.

Four sixth class pupils from Mary Queen of Ireland girls school Caherdavin, were also taking part in the exhibition. Emma Casey, Maura Lawlor, Sheree Harty and Maeve Keogh researched the mathematician / scientist Fibonacci, whose mathematical sequence featured prominently in the bestselling The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown.

Three students from Desmond College, Castle West came third in the senior technology section. For their project, Kate Magnier, Kathybert and Sarah R build an automatic care device.

Mary Ennis and I Fehin from Hazelwood College Dromcollogher were highly commended for their investigation of elephant grass as a crop.

Also highly commended were the students of Villiers College for their project comparing renewable energy with fossil fuel. They were Laurels for their project entitled What to Wear.

Students from John

Alcoholics Anonymous

Open Meeting
1st Tuesday of each month at 8.30
in The Social Service Centre,
Henry St, Limerick

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