



The Stone Jug on Glentworth Street: City Council not interested in buying the historical building (LL)

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LIMERICK'S oldest building, the Stone Jug on Glentworth

Street, will be up for sale in the new year, but John de Courcy auctioneers are remaining

tightlipped on the asking price of the building until January.

Limerick City Council denied rumours that they were interested in making a bid for the historical property.

"I have no instructions at present and if the building is to be purchased it would be through our section," said Patricia Liddy, property management department at City Council.

A library, sports museum and arts centre have all been mooted by city councillors as ideal uses for the building. But Mayor Joe Leddin said if the Council did decide to purchase the building at a future date it would be used as an extended branch of City Hall.

"The sports museum is certainly required and should be a serious consideration, but I imagine if we are interested it would be specifically for a department that has outgrown its size here," said Mayor Leddin.

He ruled out the possibility of relocating the library from The Granary to Glentworth Street due to the existing lease.

At an economic policy and strategic planning committee meeting in November, Cllr Kathleen Leddin called on City Council to keep a close eye on the future use of the building.

Known as the Stone Jug and the Penny Bank, the former "working man's bank" is a listed building.

The building is noted as being one of the finest small buildings in Ireland in a neo-classical style. It was commissioned in 1839 from WH Owen and was built by Sir Thomas Deane.

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