

# CASUAL LAWS WILL MURDER MILK MARKET

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AMID a reaction of dismay and disappointment to Limerick Corporation's draft bye-laws in relation to casual trading in the Milk Market, local politicians accused the Corporation of "murdering the best, most vibrant and colourful, open air market in Ireland."

During a specially convened meeting to discuss the issue on Tuesday, it became apparent that the

Corporation's failure to pedestrianise the streets immediately surrounding the market was not acceptable to the councillors who have been united in lobbying for pedestrianisation since Cllr John Ryan first proposed the move over 18 months ago.

Following an onslaught of protest from the councillors, city manager, Maurice Moloney agreed that "nothing should be finalised until

the traffic situation is regularised." Conceding that "although we have talked about pedestrianisation for 18 months, there is now the development at Cornmarket Street, which is a new factor to be considered," Mr Moloney, in conciliatory tones added:

"We must come up with an interim provision for pedestrianisation and the consultation period before these bye-laws are passed will allow

us time to do this."

Earlier Mayor Frank Leddin read aloud a letter from Deputy Jan O'Sullivan, who, due to Dail attendance could not attend the meeting. Deputy O'Sullivan requested that no final decision be taken on the issue, "as we only got the final proposals last Thursday and we should not rush into this until all queries are answered."

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