

Limerick Post adds RSS feed on website



THE Limerick Post, continuing to keep abreast of the latest technological advancements, has installed an RSS feed on its website to assist readers in getting the latest news in the most convenient format possible. Internet users can now subscribe to the Limerick Post RSS newsfeed, which will bring computer users up-to-date listings of news stories added to the newspaper's web-

page.

RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication, and feeds news content, blogs and podcasts from the internet to computers.

This means that computers will automatically update stories from the Limerick Post webpage instead of you having to check the website continually.

Subscribing to RSS news feeds requires a feed reader or news reader. Some browsers (e.g. Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer 7) and e-mail clients have this functionality included.

Look for the news feed icon in the address bar. The icon will either appear as a small orange square with three white stripes or will feature the letters RSS.

Subscribing is as simple as clicking the news feed icon or copying the feed link from the web browser into your feed reader on the Limerick Post website. The Limerick Post has the biggest circulation of any newspaper in the region, with upwards of 50,000 copies distributed weekly, and an estimated readership in excess of 200,000.

Plea to City Council to buy Market's Field



While pleas ring out for the Markets Field to be bought by city council, Bord na gCon offices in Henry Street are to be sold and they will locate new offices at their Greenpark site.

By John O'Shaughnessy

WHAT is to become of the Market's Field?

That is the question posed by the Limerick Environmental Awareness Group who, in welcoming Bord na gCon's decision to build and develop a new greyhound stadium on the site of the former Greenpark Racecourse, fear that the Markets Field could become a political football.

Bord na gCon announced last week that it was their intention to dispose of the Mulgrave Street property.

In a statement, the group

states "Over the decades the venue has served the people of Limerick well as a sporting arena and in our opinion, it should continue to do so. There's a dearth of sporting venues in this region and the disappearance of the Markets Field would be a devastating blow, especially to those who give their time and money to sport on a voluntary basis.

"The future of the venue should not be left to charismatic individuals with a sentimental attachment to the ground or the commercially driven Board of the Market Trustees. The organisation that is designated to provide spaces for sport by the

government is the Limerick City Council and they should be to the fore in ensuring that the

sport and where they do provide them, they are not managed or maintained to any acceptable

THE Limerick Post revealed two weeks ago that the Market Trustees had expressed an interest in buying back the Markets Field, which they sold to Bord na gCon a few years ago.

ground's future is secure".

The Awareness Group, however, claim that the Limerick City Council does not have a good record in providing spaces for

standard.

"Mostly they are dumping grounds for household refuse. That said, the onus is on them to provide the city with at least

one decent publicly owned sporting venue.

"While they continuously can be heard claiming that Limerick is Ireland's 'City of Sport', they have made very little contribution towards authenticating that claim. Outside of the odd civic reception or mayoral reception, they have made little impact on Limerick's sporting life.

"Now, they have a unique opportunity to prove to the citizens that they are serious about Limerick sport by purchasing the Market's Field on behalf of not only the sporting greats of the past that graced the venue, but of those yet to come".

The group has called on the

elected members to put a motion before the next full meeting of the City Council proposing a "special amenity area order" to purchase the Market's Field.

"Under this 'order' they could instruct the city manager to use the 3.2 million euro gains from the sale of part of the Peoples Park to offset at least some if not all, of the cost of the purchase.

"This is a rare opportunity for the city council to endear themselves to the people who elected them and also ensure that an integral part of Limerick's sporting history is preserved....."