



... Brendan Butler, Ballyneety, enjoying the freedom of the water at the St Enda's summer camp. (LL).

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PDs take first leg of historic chairs double

DEPUTY PEADAR Clohessy became the first ever PD chairperson of the County Council this Friday afternoon.

Next Monday, Cllr John Quinn will become the first PD Mayor of Limerick.

The historic double comes as a result of the Progressive Democrats having done deals with Fine Gael and Labour in the county, and with Labour in the city.

In the county, Fianna Fáil had held every chairmanship from 1974 until last year.

In the last City Council, Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael had a majority between them and shared the mayoralties.

The FG/PD/Lab agreement in the county stipulated that Fine Gael would take the first year (Cllr Jim Houlihan) and that the PDs would have the second (Peadar Clohessy). Nothing is agreed for the rest of the life of the Council, although it is expected that there will be two more FG chairper-



PDs take both chairs: Deputy Peadar Clohessy (right), who became chairman of the County Council this Friday afternoon, was congratulated on his election by the man who will be the city's mayor from Monday, Cllr. John Quinn. Mr. Clohessy defeated Cllr. Michael Collins (FF) by 15 votes to 11, there being two FF members absent.

sons and one further PD.

Earlier, Deputy Clohessy told the *Limerick Leader* that the provision of water supplies would be top of his list for the coming year.

"I hope to see during my term of office the water supply finalised. I think we can do it," he stated.

He also wants to see

more control by the County Council over water and fire services in the city environs, which, he says, "are costing the

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