

THE City West member saw a motion on this subject passed at this month's metropolitan district meeting.

He said: "Urgent action is

local authority plans for a city traffic study, with warnings Limerick city centre could end being like Galway in terms of being clogged up with traffic.

of Limerick city impacted by consistent traffic delays," Cllr McCreech stated.

"The proposed consultations to be undertaken by the NTA in

all junctions into Mackey Roundabout congestion at the the Fr Russell Ro



Conor and Malachy McCourt Jr with Una Heaton, director of the Frank McCourt Museum, presenting the wooden bowl that held the ashes of their grandmother Angela McCourt. Conor and Malachy flew from New York and London with their children PICTURE: ADRIAN BUTLER

McCourts' heirloom donated to museum

Angela McCourt: Bowl contained ashes of matriarch

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FOR MORE than 15 years, the ashes of matriarch Angela McCourt were held in a small teak-coloured wooden bowl until they were scattered over the grave of her baby daughter Margaret-Mary in 1997.

These are the ashes that forged the title of one of the most renowned Irish novels—Angela's Ashes by Limerick author Frank McCourt.

And thanks to Angela's grandchildren who visited Limerick last week, this bowl of modest appearance has joined the wide range of family memorabilia at the Frank McCourt Museum on Hartstonge Street.

Conor and Malachy McCourt, sons of author and actor Malachy

Snr, flew from New York and London with their children to visit the family's homeplace and to experience their heritage in the famous museum.

At the end of their museum tour, Conor presented director Una Heaton with the family heirloom.

"You could probably pick this up at a store for a buck, but it's worth a lot more than that," Frank's nephew told Una on Friday afternoon.

Conor said that while most of Angela's ashes had been scattered in Limerick, the remainder was dispersed on the pauper's grave of his aunt, baby Margaret-Mary McCourt, in New York City.

"I brought the whole family together, all the brothers and all the generations, and we went there and got a little plaque made. And on that day, we took this wooden bowl,

which contained the last bit of Angela's ashes. And we took those and joined the mother and the daughter in 1997," he said.

Malachy Jr flew from London with his children, Reilly and Cassidy, to be reunited with New Yorker Conor and his two daughters Adriana and Gillian.

Gillian, 15, illustrates the artistic blood that runs in the family, is already thinking about writing a book.

"When I was a lot younger, my grandpa would recite poetry to me and would sing a lot, and he would always encourage me to sing.

And that's when I found out that I could sing and that I could write, and it was because of his encouragement. Art and literature definitely run in the family a lot."

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