Limerick sports arena to be one of Europe’s finest

By JIMMY WOULFE

PHASE ONE of the new Arena Sports Centre at UL will be completed next month. It will include indoor basketball arenas, indoor sprint track, indoor jogging track and a range of health and keep fit facilities.

Phase Two, which will include the national 50m pool, is due for completion about this time next year.

The £20m state of the art sports facility, when fully completed will cater for 10,000 every week and will be the largest sport and recreation centre in Ireland.

It will have indoor running lanes and have capacity to cater for up to 2,000 spectators.

Dr Roger Downer, president of UL said: “The new sports centre, together with the 50 metre swimming pool, will provide students, staff and the public with one of the finest facilities in Europe”.

With an accumulated capacity to cater for up to 500,000 the facility will promote the critically important concept of good health and facilitate further enhancement of relationships between the university and the community.

Power calls on Lawlor to resign his seat

By DEARBHLA LOOBY

DEPUTY Mayor of Limerick Peter Power has called on former Fianna Fáil TD, Liam Lawlor, to resign his Dáil seat.

He is the first member of Fianna Fáil to publicly call on Mr Lawlor to resign, following his failure to appear before the Flood Tribunal last week.

Fianna Fáil city councillor Peter Power told the Limerick Chronicle that he firmly believes Mr Lawlor should resign.

He is surprised that nobody in the party has yet come out and called on him to do so.

Alderman Power said that Mr Lawlor is showing contempt for the Dáil and the Flood Tribunal.

“The Dáil unanimously set up the tribunal. As a person who voted to the Dáil and the tribunal. He is showing disrespect and contempt for law-making in the Dáil,”

The city alderman, who hopes to be selected as a candidate for the next general election, said it is a time when the public “already hold their politicians in very low esteem”.

“If he’s allowed to get away with this, he will further reduce the esteem in which politicians are held.”

He said that while Mr Lawlor has already resigned from the political party he should go further and resign from his seat.

“I wouldn’t be afraid of a by-election in his constituency. He should resign and Fianna Fáil should make their stance in relation to his behaviour clear,”

Alderman Power said he was aware that he may come under criticism within his party for saying what he has said, but added that it is “something which needs to be done”.

The alderman added that all councillors, including himself, were qualified to do so.

He said that he had spoken to Mr Lawlor, who has yet to respond, and that he did not want any more delays in this matter.

Alderman Power said that while he has been a member of the council for 20 years, he did not believe that he had ever experienced anything like this before.

He said that he had been asked to speak because of his experience in the council, and that he believed that the issue was too important to be left unresolved.

He added that he believed that the council should act in the best interests of the public, and that he hoped that Mr Lawlor would do the same.