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GILLIGAN FIGHTS FOR REVERSAL OF BIN DECISION

INDEPENDENT city councillor John Gilligan has pledged to do all he can to reverse the decision by Limerick Corporation to hand over refuse collections to a private contractor.

And he has guaranteed his full support to his own constituents in the campaign to have the new charges for the service abolished.

Cllr Gilligan maintains there is no logical reason for the service to be removed.

"For over 100 years through good times and bad, this vital service, a cornerstone of local administration, has been used and appreciated by all," he explained.

Cllr Gilligan believes that taxes people pay directly and indirectly should be used to provide services for the entire community at national and local level, including water, sewage and refuse.

"Over the last number of years a strong council with the support of a majority of its members has had remarkable success in defending the interests of the people of Limerick. We abolished water charges and built a new reservoir, as well as refurbishing the leaky one. We abolished sewage charges and initiated the Main

Drainage Scheme, the largest single project undertaken by the local authority."

But Cllr Gilligan said that the council elected 18 months ago has taken a different stance.

"The money is there, the problem is that a weak council meekly accepted a subvention less than is needed to provide basic services for our city," he said.

STUDENTS DRIBBLED TO RAISE CASH FOR ADAPT

KINDHEARTED students from CBS, Sexton Street, have raised an amazing 2,500 for Adapt House.

Around 200 students kicked, headed and dribbled their way through a 12 hour soccer marathon at the Sexton Street School. In just two weeks they managed to raise over 2,500 in sponsorship for the women's refuge.

Organiser and teacher Gina O'Keefe explained that the boys came up with the idea for the soccer marathon.

"The kids all thought of it, they are mad into soccer and it's a good way to raise money," she explained.

Every year the school picks a different charity to raise money for and in the last five years they have raised a total of 12,000 for various local charities. The boys are only too happy to help out some worthy causes, added Ms O'Keefe.

"They were absolutely delighted, asking everyday how much was brought in and giving up their Satur-

day morning to play in the tournament," she added.

The five-a-side soccer tournament was a roaring success, with music playing as the boys played their hearts out for charity. Prizes were awarded to the winners, and the school was rewarded with a half day for the students after the money was collected.

"It was a tremendous effort to bring in that amount of money and it was a great day," added Ms O'Keefe.

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GREENPARK CONFERENCE CENTRE MAY BE CANCELLED

PRIVATE investors have pulled out of the multi-million pound Greenpark conference centre project.

EC funding is also in doubt. The whole idea is now in question, city councillors heard last night. Members were furious, and spoke of undermining by vested interests, cover-up and secretiveness.

The project was to be financed by the Corporation, Shannon Development, EC money and private investment.

The Taoiseach has promised the Fianna Fail Ard Fheis to Limerick as soon as a suitable venue was available here.

Last night, the chairman of the Cultural and Environmental Committee, Cllr Jack Bourke, told his members that only City Hall and Shannon were now 'still in'.

"The Corporation and Shannon Development had their part of the money in place. The private sector pulled out. Maybe they didn't see the viability of it," he said.

"There was no talk of a hotel with the conference centre and there are not 6,000 to 7,000 hotel beds in Limerick. You cannot say to conference people to go to Ennis or Tipperary for a bed."

Alderman Pat Kennedy: "The European funds were also turned off."

Alderman Gus O'Driscoll began the discussion with the assertion that he believed that vested interests had undermined the project.

"It's dreadful if vested interests control what facilities we have here in Limerick," he said, adding that the EC money had been almost guaranteed. There were to be pitch and putt and swimming pools and other sporting facilities for the people in the complex, he said.

Trade union official, Cllr Frank Prendergast said that the SIPTU conference would bring £500,000 to the veune of its annual conference. Galway and Tralee were gearing up for such business, he said.

Cllr John O'Connor, a member of the FF National executive, confirmed that Mr Haughey had told him that the only reason preventing his party's Ard Fheis from coming to

Limerick was the lack of facilities.

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FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE

THE marriage took place today of Dr James M O'Sullivan and Miss Nell O'Mara, third daughter of Mr Stephen O'Mara of this city. The ceremony was performed at St Munchin's Church by the Rev PJ O'Mara, SJ, Mungret College, brother of the bride, and Mr Stephen O'Mara gave his daughter away. Ms Kathleen O'Mara was the only bridesmaid and Mr SM O'Mara acted as best man.

After the ceremony as reception was held at Strand House and later in the day, the newly wedded pair left for their honeymoon.

POTHEEN IN WEST CLARE

THE Ennistymon police, under District Inspector O'Brien, have just made a seizure of potheen in the village of Fisher street, not far from the Cliffs of Moher.

Driving at an early hour from Ennistymon, one morning during the week, they called at the house of a man named O'Brien. They were kept for some time at the front door. Then going to the back door, they found one of the family shoving out a keg, which was found, on examination to contain about eight gallons of potheen.