

**Legal Aid:** Larry Touhy's solicitor John Herbert

## Charged over drugs seizure in city centre

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News Reporter

TWO Southill men were granted bail after they appeared in court charged in connection with a significant drugs seizure in the city centre last week.

Larry Touhy, aged 19, of Maigue Way, John Carew Park and Niall Hogan, aged 19, of O'Malley Park are each accused of possession of several thousand Alprazolam tablets for the purpose of sale or supply.

It is alleged that the drugs, which were seized during a garda search of a property on High Street, on January 8 last were worth around

## St Michael's Rowing Club seek to improve access to River Shannon

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News Reporter

A CITY rowing club will find out later this month whether it has won permission to proceed with a €100,000 improvement scheme.

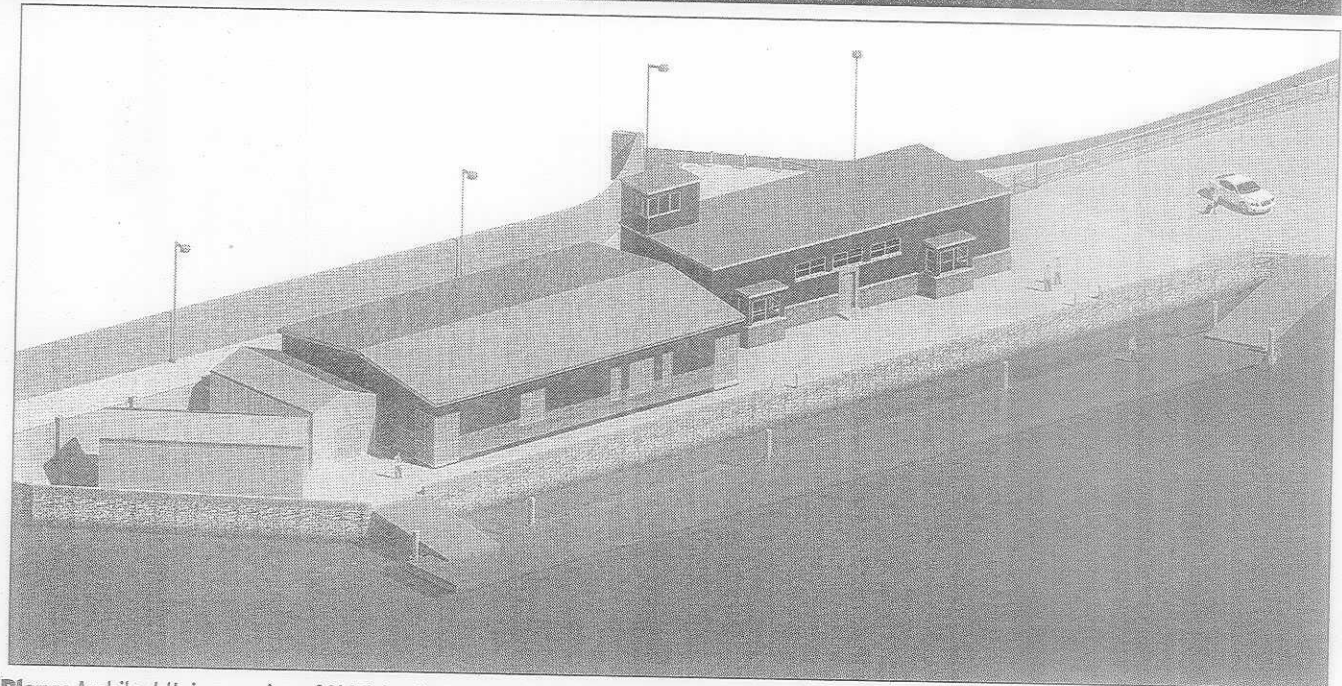
St Michael's Rowing Club have applied to Limerick City Council to replace the existing slipways at their club on O'Callaghan Strand with a permanent floating pontoon.

The project will see the installation of 14 pontoons, accessed from the quay wall via two steel ramps.

Former club president Pierce McGann says they are seeking support from the local business community to raise the €100,000, and "help support us in cementing our position as a major rowing club within Limerick City".

He said that it will help the young oarsmen coming through at the club to enjoy first class facilities.

"We have so many young children training with us, and we are trying to be more efficient with our time, in terms of getting them on and off the water. This will help us ensure they are off the water safer and faster," he told the Limerick Leader.



**Plans:** Architect's impression of St Michael's Rowing Club's proposed improvements at O'Callaghan Strand; below a close-up on the jetty

He said that the project will help St Michael's Rowing Club.

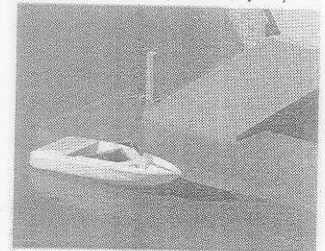
"It will cement our presence in Limerick even more so. It will make us even more efficient as a rowing club in the city. We probably have the most efficient launching facilities in Limerick," he said.

Local Fine Gael councillor Michael Hourigan welcomed the plans, saying: "St Michael's Rowing Club serve a huge community around my area, especially at junior level. There are a huge number of children going down there. They have succeeded at national level. I believe St

Michael's is almost the biggest rowing club in Ireland, and they have won awards at all levels."

He said he has been pushing City Council for a long period on these plans.

Council planners are to make a decision on the project by January 26.



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