#### PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AT:

117 – 120 Sycamore Avenue, Rothbane, Limerick.
133 – 142 Shanabooley Road, Ballynanty, Limerick.
30 – 39 Moylish Road, Ballynanty, Limerick.
Ismes Street (Phase II), Limerick.
35 – 44 Elm Place, Rathbane, Limerick.
5 – 8 Rathbane Road, 1 – 12 Elm Place, Limerick.
Apartment Renovation at Bourke Avenue 8.
Cateys Road, Limerick.

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Submissions are invited from experienced Building Contractors for inclusion on a shortlist of Contractors from whom tenders may be sought for the following projects:

(a) development of housing project at 117 – 120 Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane, Limerick consisting of the construction of 4 houses, 2 apartments and ancillary site works.

(b) development of housing project at 131 – 142 Shanabooley Road, Ballynanty, Limerick consisting of the construction of 15 houses and ancillary site works.

Ballynanty, Limerick consisting of the construction of 7 houses. and ancillary site works. (d) development of Phase II of housing project at James Street,

(c) development of housing project at 30 - 39 Moylish Road,

Limerick consisting of the construction of 6 apartments and ancillary site works. (e) development of housing project at 35 - 44 Elm Place, Rathbane, Limerick consisting of the construction of 8 houses,

3 apartments and ancillary site works. (f) development of housing project at 5 - 8 Rathbane Road and 1 - 12 Elm Place, Limerick consisting of the construction of 17 houses, 3 apartments and ancillary site works.

(g) development of housing project at Bourke Avenue and Careys Road, Limerick consisting of the renovation of 20 apartments, 20 maisonettes and ancillary site works.

Submissions should include a record of previous projects of comparable type undertaken in the last three years with supporting references and be set out under the following headings.

Turnover figures '00, '01 and '02.

Staff resources and organisational chart.

Nominate three recent housing projects carried out by the firm.

Details of Quality Assurance and Safety Statement.

Applicants may be required to provide additional proof of competence. A Contract Guarantee Bond for 25% of the value of the Contract will be required on these projects.

Successful candidates will be required to produce a valid Tax Clearance Certificate or C2 Certificate from the Revenue Commissioners. In the case of non-resident applicants, a statement of suitability on tax grounds from the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland will be required. Evidence of membership of the Construction Industry Federation Pension/ Sick Pay Scheme must also be furnished by applicants.

It is intended that these projects will go to tender shortly. Interested Contractors should therefore respond as soon as

Applications for inclusion on the shortlist should be addressed to:

Pat Dowling, Director of Service, Social Policy & Housing, Limerick City Council, City Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick.

Pat Dowling, DIRECTOR OF SERVICE.

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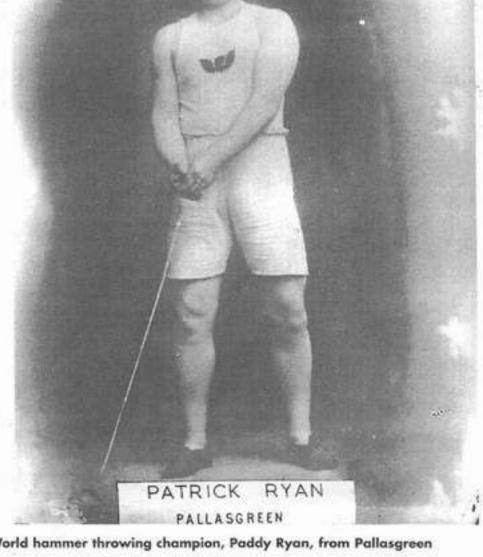
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World hammer throwing champion, Paddy Ryan, from Pallasgreen

# Community to honour champion

#### By KEITH WATTERSON

PALLASGREEN group is stepping up efforts to mark the Olympian achievements of one of its remarkable and least celebrated native sons.

The committee aims to erect a life-sized statue of 1920 Olympic hammer throwing champion Paddy Ryan in the village by

next year.

Mr Ryan recorded his most impressive achieveincluding the world hammer throwing record in 1913, for his adopted country, the USA. But the committee in

Pallasgreen, headed by Mr Ryan's son-in-law Peter Weatherhead, is determined that his feats will be forever commemorated on his native soil.

The group is appealing for local people to support their efforts to raise a monument befitting the

They wish to provide not only a commemora-tion, but also an attractive focal point that would enhance Pallasgreen, and to have the unveiling coincide with next year's Olympics in Athens.

Committee secretary Ger O'Connell said: "We would like to have an appropriate statue, probably made of bronze. The price could be as much as 640,000, but there is no point doing something like this if we don't do it

The task ahead will be a challenge to the commit-tee, Mr O'Connell added: "There would be some people who are not aware of Paddy Ryan, so we are going all out on an information campaign and fund-raising bid this year.

Paddy Ryan was born in Pallasgreen in January 1882 and died in February 1964 at his family home, but in between these dates lie a catalogue of sporting achievement.

Learning the art of the hammer-throw at what was once "the Athletic University of Pallas", the local GAA club, he became Irish hammerthrowing champion in 1901 by beating world record holder Tom Kiely, and went on to win five

All Ireland medals in the sport from 1902-09.

Denied the fulfilment of his dream to represent Ireland in Olympic hammer throwing, he seized his chance when he emi-

grated to the US in 1910. At Long Island on August 17, 1913, Paddy Ryan set a world record hammer-throw that stood unbroken for 25 years, 189 feet and six and a half inches.

His next international triumph came in 1920, at the age of 35, when he won the gold and silver medals at the Antwerp Olympic Games, the oldest man to win the Olympic hammer-throwing title. The Pallasgreen com-

mittee, who last year raised €3,500 from a golf classic tournament, is hard at work putting the finishing touches to its largest fund-raising enterprise to date, a draw for extremely attractive

prizes. "Not "Not every parish would have an Olympic champion or an athlete of Paddy Ryan's calibre, so we're hoping for people's support," he added.

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