



BUSINESS TIME: Tallaght Stadium will soon host networking forums

Rovers is doing the business

Football club takes new direction

SHAMROCK Rovers is establishing a Business Club which aims to act as a networking forum for local businesses, providing them with an opportunity to swap contacts, ideas and business know-how.

The thinking behind the forum is to create an added value for the club's sponsors, however, the business club is also open to any interested parties across the county.

Meetings will be held in Tallaght Stadium prior to home matches and, after networking, members will attend the match together.

According to Rovers' solicitor and secretary,

By **Mary Dennehy**

Alan O'Driscoll, the social aspect of attending the match will allow members to build up a business rapport with each other.

He said: "Business is on everyone's agenda at the moment and our Business Club is another initiative that will hopefully support local businesses."

"Shamrock Rovers has been recognised by the South Dublin Chamber for its business achievements and as a local business – we want to provide extra benefits to our sponsors while connecting businesses together."

Business Club members

will be expected to attend a minimum number of meetings and matches each year – a season ticket is included in the cost of membership.

Members are also asked to "proactively engage" with other members and to share advice and the benefit of their experiences in business.

The Shamrock Rovers Business Club will be launched in the Tallaght Stadium on June 8 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm – anybody interested is invited to attend.

For further information email Alan at alanodriscoll@shamrockrovers.ie

Metro West action

RESIDENTS from Kilnamanagh and Kingswood have come together to form the Metro West Action Group with a view to ensuring the speedy and correct delivery of the project.

Group member Gay Kelly, from Kilnamanagh, said that residents "welcome" the proposed development and are eager to see it progress.

The group met with the Railway Procurement Agency on Tuesday to discuss the proposal and voice their opposition to the construction of a "major overpass bridge" at the Belgard Road/Embankment Road junction.

Gay said: "This

proposed overpass bridge would impact greatly on the local residents, at a height of over 35 feet plus auxiliary poles and overhead cables, the visible intrusion on the local area would be severe."

"In addition the support columns for this overpass bridge would be located only feet from houses in the Kilnamanagh and Kingswood estates."

At the meeting residents proposed that an underpass could be located at the junction instead of the overpass but the idea was rejected by the RPA.

Gay said: "An underground option was suggested but the RPA said they wouldn't go with it

because of the cost factor.

"The indication is that they won't include that option in the railway order and our intention then would be to object to the overpass when the railway order is lodged."

After the meeting with the RPA, which was held in the Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre, the residents unanimously voted to oppose the construction of the bridge.

The group is hoping to gain access to the Environmental Impact Statement commissioned by the RPA in the coming weeks when another meeting will be held to discuss the options.

Station could get €4m

By **Lynda O'Donoghue**

€17 million.

The property for sale is a single storey convenience store – currently trading as Topaz Restore – and a storage area which together total 1,464 square feet.

There is also a large filling station forecourt to the front which houses five fuel stations, 14 pumps and has the capacity for 80,000 litres of fuel.

The property is currently let to Topaz Energy Group Ltd under a

35-year full repairing and insuring lease, pulling in a rent of €285,431 each year.

One condition of the 35-year lease is that there are five yearly upwards-only rent reviews.

Another feature of the lease is that the yearly rent is payable a year in advance.

Reports suggest that the "stable long-term income stream" could create good interest in the property from investors.

Further information regarding the sale of the site is available from DTZ Sherry FitzGerald.

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