

# Dangerous Clonown Road a concern

Cllr. John Naughten has called for works to be carried out to improve safety for vehicles using the Athlone-Clonown road.

“As a result of flooding, sections of this road were raised and are now only single carriageway in width. As the road has been raised

sections are now hazardous for both drivers and pedestrians and this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency,” stated Cllr. Naughten.

The issue will be raised by Cllr. Naughten at the forthcoming area meeting of the County Council.



Pictured are students from Roscommon Convent of Mercy who took part in the Regional Division C Badminton Tournament recently with the Senior team winning their category. The students are pictured with their teacher Miss Farragher. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com.

# Large crowd at miners' meeting

A huge crowd turned out in Flynn's Arigna on Thursday night last to get an update on the work of the National Coal Miners Group to date regarding Social Welfare entitlements; payments and the setting up of Redress Board to deal with personal and health issues miners have suffered as a result of working in coalmines.

Deputy Frank Feighan along with Cllr. Charlie Hopkins and other members of the Arigna Miners Group have co-ordinated a national campaign to deal with complaints within the Social Welfare process and to deal with the miners' disabilities in an equitable way.

The National campaign is lobbying Minister Ó Cuív and the Government to recognise the damage done to the health of those who worked in mines throughout the country. This has been a problem over the years and now the miners from across the country and especial-



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ly in Arigna have sought to get recognition for the work they have done through a Redress Board.

The large gathering was briefed by Deputy Feighan on a positive meeting with Minister Ó Cuív earlier last week in which the Minister “accepted the Government had failed” in its obligation to former miners. “There is certainly a lot of hope that the Minister has finally accepted the Miners have been let down by the Social

Welfare process and this will be rectified, however, there are still many outstanding matters to be addressed. It is time the Miners, their spouses and families reap the benefits and get recognition for the difficult conditions under which these people worked for many years.” Deputy Feighan stated he will continue to work with Eamon Ó Cuív and the Department of Social Protection as he feels that the Minister has the miners' issues at heart.

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