

Limerick FC chief Mawhinney to continue working closely with club

FORMER Limerick FC Chairman, Andrew Mawhinney, who resigned from the position yesterday, says he will continue to work closely with the Super Blues in their campaign for the season.

In a statement Mr Mawhinney said he would remain on the board of the club and will serve as its commercial advisor.

Appointed a year ago to the senior side, Mr Mawhinney took Limerick FC to a new level of professionalism, acquiring permanent offices and a potential training center in Knockalishen in Meelick, County Clare.

His other notable achievements include the successful Trapattoni fundraising dinner last autumn, the hiring of former Shamrock Rovers manager Pat Scully last week, which has brought further positivity to the Club, and the securing of a major sponsorship package headed up by the *Limerick Independent*.

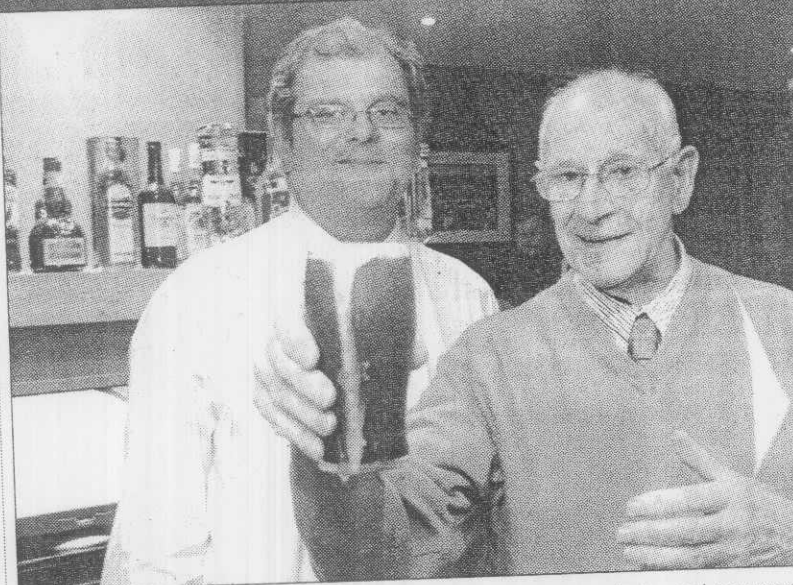
"I have immensely enjoyed my time with Limerick FC and will continue to work with the club on special projects. I am especially looking forward to dealing with organisations like the FAI, Limerick Regeneration, Shannon Development and Limerick City Council on commercial ventures that include summer exhibition matches and a return to the Markets Field," Mr Mawhinney said.

Club Chairman Jack McCarthy said that he accepted "with deep regret" Andrew's decision to move on.

"I fully understand his decision and wish him the best. He brought credibility to the club and achieved unparalleled success. We are lucky he will stay involved to push forward several important tasks," Mr McCarthy said.

General Manager Kieran Judge and McCarthy will for the foreseeable future share the CEO duties for the team.

Porter flows again at the re-opened



Noel Hassett (right), former proprietor of Hassetts Bar, Thomondgate, and new proprietor of Guinness pulled at the reopening of the famous Limerick pub this Tuesday

Fury at 'hatchet job'

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Mayor Gilligan said that some references—including "in the worst estates, where unemployment is 70%, corner shops sell single cigarettes and single tea bags" and "a man accused of not repaying debts to a local family saw his children doused in petrol and set on fire"—are "outrageous".

"The claims are downright stupid and reflect very badly on any newspaper that would print such tripe. I challenge them to show me any shop in Ireland, not

to mind Limerick, that does that [sell single cigarettes and teabags]," he fumed.

"We had one incident in Moyross in 2006 [when local children, Gavin and Millie Murray were in a car that was petrol bombed] but there hasn't been anything like that since. That [the incident described in the article] is a figment of a paper's imagination. Let them say when, where and how it happened. The hospital and the Garda should have a record of it."

Community activist and Republican Sinn Féin mem-

ber, Sean O'Neill, br the portrayal a "hatch on the Stab City tag".

"To the best of my edge, no shops eng these practices in our estates. *The S Times* paints an ap picture of people war around the street in p and claims that c have been set on fire of non payment of This is giving out a fe ture of Limerick as a place," he said.

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