

Delaney cuts ribbon on new Renmore AFC clubhouse

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WAY back in 1973 Bernard Shapiro set in motion the foundation of Renmore Soccer Club and on Saturday last on The Avenue they enhanced their facilities even further with the opening of their new clubhouse. Four dressing rooms are part of the splendid structure that will cater for the expanding club in the years to come.

The long serving club president was on hand to witness the event as hundreds gathered to view the event.

Doing the honours at the official opening were FAI Chief Executive John Delaney and Mayor of Galway Michael Crowe, who was doubly engaged on the day as he is also chairman of Renmore AFC.

On an occasion when the next generation of young sports people were kept busy with jumping castles, face painting and various strands of entertainment, Delaney stressed the



The Chief Executive of the FAI, John Delaney, pictured with Cllr Michael Crowe, Mayor of Galway and Chairman of Renmore AFC; and Tony Samuels, Chairman Galway and District League, at the opening of the new clubhouse at the weekend.

sense of community that was very evident in the gathering and in the efforts to develop the club structures.

The Tipperary native encouraged parents to get out on the sidelines and support their children in their sporting pursuits

and it was something that would give pleasure to all sides. To acknowledge the input of Bernard Shapiro down the years, he presented the official with two tickets to the upcoming game at the Aviva Stadium between Ireland and Argentina and he also gave the club 37 schoolboy tickets for the first international at new venue.

Crowe thanked the selfless group of individuals who kept the club going down the years and while families like the Noones, Greaneys and Powers amongst many others had played a huge part in the development, a special mention must be given to people who had provided such a huge service to the club over the years.

Renmore have enjoyed success at various levels at both Schoolboy and Junior level down the years and with pre-season training just around the corner, the players will have no excuse as they enjoy the most modern facility in Galway football.