

What the papers said...

Abbey Quarter Official Opening Media Coverage

A little under a month since the Official Opening of Tirlán's Collaboration Hub at Abbey Quarter by Minister for Enterprise Simon Coveney, here's what some online and print media outlets had to say about the event and out new Kilkenny office space.

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Coveney opens new Tirlán headquarters in Kilkenny

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Minister for Enterprise Simon Coveney, along with Tirlán Office Facilities Manager Mary Banks, Chairman John Murphy, CEO Jim Bergin; Kilkenny Co Council Interim CEO Seán McKeown and Ireland Strategic Investment Fund Investment Director Sarah Hickey



By **Conor Kane**
South East Correspondent

Food and nutrition co-operative Tirlán has opened its new headquarters and 'collaborative hub' in Kilkenny city.

The building is located in Kilkenny's Abbey Quarter development on the old Smithwick's brewery site and its development is part of an urban regeneration initiative involving Kilkenny County Council and the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund.

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Tirlán opens new HQ in heart of Kilkenny

A new hub for Tirlán's employees was formally opened by Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Simon Coveney on Thursday.

Barry Murphy

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The new multistorey, state-of-the-art office and meeting space includes hot desks, staff canteens, a gym and meeting and presentation rooms.

Resulting from a partnership with Kilkenny County Council (KCC), the building is home to approximately 650 Tirlán employees each week as they move between remote and office working.

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Minister officially launches new Tirlán HQ in Kilkenny



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Tirlán Abbey Quarter hub officially opened in Kilkenny

New headquarters and collaboration hub is in the heart of Kilkenny City



Illustration by Roger O'Reilly unveiled today by Minister Simon Coveney

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One of the most advanced work spaces in Ireland has been created in the Abbey Quarter at the heart of Kilkenny City - and as the new Tirlán collaboration hub it has been officially opened today by Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney.

In surroundings both ancient and modern, the new offices are designed as a blended workplace in line with Government aims on flexible working and the regeneration of towns and cities. It's one of the first purpose-built workspaces for the new hybrid work environment.

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Headquarters And Collaboration Hub In Kilkenny



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Tirlán, which traded as Glanbia Ireland before entering into co-operative ownership last year, has opened its new headquarters and collaborative hub at the site of the former Smithwick's Brewery and St Francis Abbey in Kilkenny.

The food company's new offices in the city's Abbey Quarter development, an urban regeneration initiative between **Kilkenny County Council** and the **Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF)**, have been designed to accommodate flexible working.

The hub will have a footfall of over 650 employees per week and its facilities and meeting rooms are available to staff working across Tirlán's 11 processing facilities and 52 agri-branches across Ireland.

Tirlán recently marked a year since it acquired full ownership of the dairy and grain operating business from Glanbia plc, and the company boasts sales revenue of over €3bn and 2,100 employees.

"Today's opening marks the next step on the Tirlán journey. It has been an extraordinary time in the history of our co-operative," said **John Murphy**, chairman of Tirlán.

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100% farmer-owned Tirlán opens new HQ and collaboration hub

Kathleen O'Sullivan

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Tirlán has more than 2,100 employees and sales revenue of over €3bn, with a network of over 6,000 farms.

Mr Murphy said it has been an "extraordinary time" in the history of the co-op.

Speaking at the opening, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Simon Coveney said Tirlán's "commitment to farmers and society at large outlines how they intend to work towards a fully sustainable future in line with the Government's Climate Action Plan".

In August 2022, Glanbia Co-op and Glanbia Ireland revealed they would in future be known as Tirlán.

In December 2021, farmer shareholders voted in favour of purchasing the remaining 40% stake in Glanbia Ireland

from Glanbia plc to become the outright owners of the Irish dairy and grain business.

Glanbia plc retains and continues to operate under the Glanbia name as an entirely separate entity.

Meanwhile, last month, it

was announced that €5.4m will be paid to over 4,500 farmers as part of the Tirlán 2022 trading bonus scheme.

A further €1.2m will be paid to eligible members in the coming months.

Farmers will again have an opportunity to participate in a 2023 scheme, Tirlán said.

A trading bonus of 0.25c per litre will be paid on all milk from suppliers that spend 3c per litre or more with Tirlán this year.

For grain grower members, a trading bonus of up to €10 per tonne of grain supplied is again available for the 2023 harvest.

Tirlán chairman Mr Murphy said the scheme, which has operated since 2018, "rewards members for trading with their co-op".

"As a 100% farmer-owned co-op, it is more important than ever that we support our own business," Mr Murphy said.

"I would like to thank all members for their continued support of the Tirlán business

and all of its brands and subsidiaries during 2022 and we look forward to another successful year."

Mr Murphy said that Tirlán's focus is on "paying the best possible milk and grain prices" to members.

The trading bonus scheme rewards farmer members of the co-op for purchases made from Tirlán and its subsidiaries.

For grain growers and beef and sheep farmers, the terms of the 2023 trading bonus scheme are largely unchanged from the 2022 scheme.

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The milk supplier trading bonus is worth up to €1,375 plus VAT to an average supplier spending over 3c per litre with Tirlán this year.

All qualifying 2023 purchases made from Tirlán are included in the calculation, and similar to previous years, purchases made through purchasing groups count at 50% for 2023.

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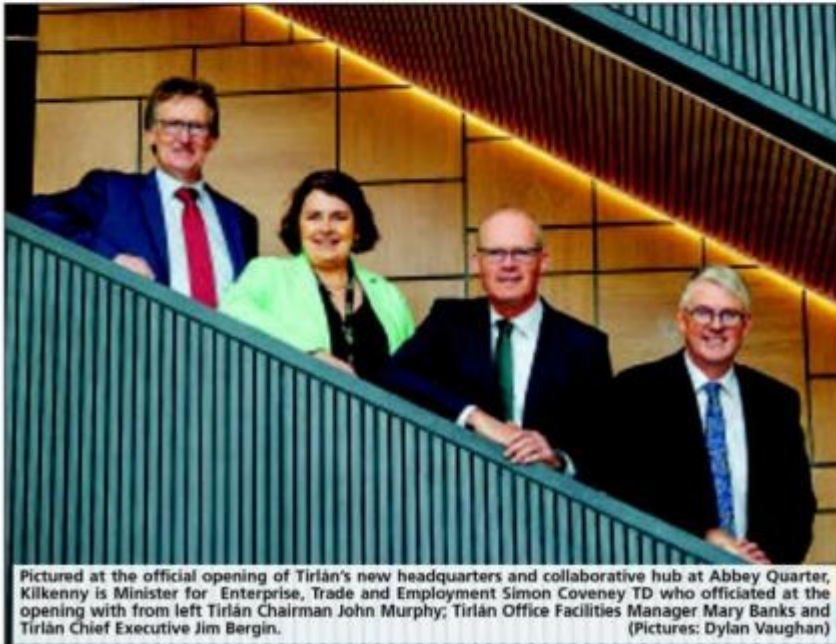
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