AbbieVie-sponsored Walkway to Carrigtwohill Opened

AbbieVie, a medical devices company, in cooperation with GE Healthcare, Cork County Council, and Carrigtwohill Community Council, opened a new Community Walkway in Tullagreen in Co Cork last week.

Work got underway on the recreational space in 2012. At the opening, the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Alan Coleman said that the new walkway would be of “tremendous benefit to local people and visitors alike for many years to come”.

The new area connects the IDA Business Park and the Fota Business Park in Carrigtwohill, and is what Ollie Sheehan of the Carrigtwohill Community Council called “a much-enhanced entrance to the village of Carrigtwohill”.

During the building of the walkway, employees from AbbieVie’s Carrigtwohill branch volunteered to help the community in the renovations.

This comes just before the announcement that AbbieVie would be creating fifty new jobs at their Sligo branch over the next year, with an investment of €40m. The site in Ballytivnan, Sligo, will also produce medical equipment. At the announcement, Minister for Jobs Tichard Bruton TD noted that the company are “a world-leading medical devices company, and the news that it is investing further €40m in its Sligo facility and creating fifty extra jobs is a great boost” to the area.

CCI begin summer programme for Chernobyl children

This week, Adi Roche’s Chernobyl Children International (CCI) will welcome thirty children who normally reside in Vesnova Children’s Mental Asylum in Belarus for their Rest and Recuperation Programme.

The programme aims to bring 200 children from Ukraine and Belarus for month-long holidays to Ireland in order to provide them with time to rest and recuperate, away from the toxicity and high levels of radiation that still exist around the former nuclear power plant. The situation is exacerbated during the summer months when forest fires are widespread.
Over eighty JobBridge companies red-flagged so far

There has been much debate of late regarding the JobBridge scheme, with many critics saying that it is just an excuse for free or cheap labour.

Last week, the Department of Social Protection has said that, since the introduction of the scheme in 2011, 84 companies have had so-called “red flags” raised against them for breaching the terms of agreement. These breaches include failure to implement a standard agreement with interns, lack of mentoring, failure to comply with monitoring checks, and giving the intern jobs outside of the positions remit.

These companies were subsequently excluded from the scheme for a period of time.

Roughly 17,000 companies have participated in the scheme in the last four years, taking on 40,000 interns. Currently, there are 34 companies that are “red flagged”.

Lack of 24-hour care a serious shortfall

Nine years after the introduction of A Vision for Change, the Government’s plan for mental health reform, and just following the publication of a report by Mental Health Reform regarding the patchy implementation of such, it has come to light that there are some serious issues with the state of mental health care in the country.

One of the largest problems is the lack of 24-hour assistance for those with acute mental health problems who present to emergency departments in distress. A Vision for Change promised the introduction of such care, but as of yet, there are few out-of-hours supports for those in distress.

In particular, the lack of 24-hour care for children and adolescents has been highlighted, as well as the inappropriate placement of adolescents in adult mental healthcare facilities where no other option is present.

On Wednesday 24 June, Minister for Social Care and Mental Health, Kathleen Lynch TD noted that they have just appointed twenty specialised nurses in emergency departments to deal with those who present with acute mental health issues. This will ensure “they are seen by someone who has a knowledge in the area and they are connected to the appropriate service”.

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### DÁIL

**Tuesday 30 June**
- 2.00 p.m. Questions (Minister for Education and Skills)
- 3.15 p.m. Leaders Questions
- 3.36 p.m. Questions (Taoiseach)
- 4.36 p.m. Order of Business
- 5.06 p.m. Topical Issues
- 7.30 p.m. Private Members Business - Re Social Welfare Cuts for Lone Parents (Sinn Féin)
- 9.00 p.m. Statements re White Paper on Defence (working title)
- 11.00 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

**Wednesday 1 July**
- 9.30 a.m. Questions (Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine)
- 10.45 a.m. Motion re Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014 (to conclude within 60 minutes) (Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government)
- 12.00 noon Leaders Questions
- 12.21 p.m. Order of Business
- 12.51 p.m. Post European Council Statements (to conclude within 85 minutes)
- 2.16 p.m. SOS
- 3.16 p.m. Topical Issues
- 4.04 p.m. Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014 - Report and Final Stages (Resumed) (Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government)
- 9.00 p.m. Private Members’ Business Re Social Welfare Cuts for Lone Parents (Sinn Féin)
- 10.30 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

**Thursday 2 July**
- 9.30 a.m. Questions (Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform)
- 10.45 a.m. Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014 - Report and Final Stages (Resumed) (Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government)
- 12.00 noon Leaders Questions
- 12.21 p.m. Order of Business
- 12.41 p.m. Morning Business Continued
- 2.30 p.m. SOS (30 minutes)
- 9.12 p.m. Topical Issues
- 10.00 p.m. Dáil Adjourns

### SEANAD

**Tuesday 30 June**
- 2.30 p.m. Commencement Matters
- 3.30 p.m. Order of Business
- 4.45 p.m. Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation)

**Wednesday 1 July**
- 10.30 a.m. Commencement Matters
- 11.30 a.m. Order of Business
- 1.00 p.m. Statements on Growing Tourism to 2025 (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)
- 3.00 p.m. Communications Regulation (Postal Services) (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Committee, Report and Final Stages (Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources)
- 5.00 p.m. Communications Regulation (Postal Services) (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Committee, Report and Final Stages (Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources)
- 7.00 p.m. Private Members Business - Harmful and Malicious Electronic Communications Bill 2015 – Second Stage (Labour Senators)
- 9.00 p.m. Statute Law Revisions Bill 2015 – Report and Final Stages (Department of Public Expenditure and Reform)
- 11.00 p.m. Seánad Adjourns

**Thursday 2 July**
- 10.30 a.m. Commencement Matters
- 11.30 a.m. Order of Business
- 12.45 p.m. Consumer Protection (Regulation of Credit Servicing Firms) Bill 2015 – Report and Final Stages (Department of Finance)
- 3.00 p.m. Employment Equality (Amendment) (No 2) Bill 2013 – Committee Stage (resumed) - Private Members Bill (Department of Justice and Equality)
- 4.00 p.m. Seánad Adjourns
**Tuesday 30 June**

Transport and Communications (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 1 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Certain aspects of the National Postcode System, Eircode (resumed) [Mr. Gary Delaney, Loc8]

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint) CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Landing Obligations update and Abolishing the subsegmentation of tonnage and kWs in Policy Directive 2/2013 [Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine]

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Joint) CR2, LH 2000  
(a) 1.30 p.m. (T)  
(b) 2.15 p.m. (P)  
AGENDA:  
(a) The issue of employment in the pub sector and the approaches used in the UK [Representatives of Vintners Federation of Ireland and Mr. Greg Mulholland, MP, Chair of the Cross Party Group on the Pub in the UK]; and  
(b) Private

Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 2.15 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Electoral Commission in Ireland (resumed)  
Session A: 2.15 p.m. [Mr. Jimmy McMeel, Principal Officer, Department of Finance; Dr. Liam Weeks, Department of Government, University College Cork]; and  
Session B 3.30 p.m. [Mr. Sean Fleming TD; Mr. Jim O’Keeffe and Mr. Noel Whelan]

Inquiry into the Banking Crisis (Joint) CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Witnesses before the Banking Inquiry  
Session A: 9.30 a.m.  
(Ms. Ann Nolan, Second Secretary General, Department of Finance); and  
Session B: 11.30 a.m.  
(Mr. Donal McNally, former Second Secretary General, Department of Finance); and  
Session C: 2.30 p.m.  
(Mr. Charlie McCreevy, former Minister for Finance)

Transport and Communications (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Engagement with Ms Julie O’Neill, Chairperson Designate, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.

Foreign Affairs and Trade (Joint) CR3, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Amnesty International Annual Report 2014 [Representatives from Amnesty International]

Justice, Defence and Equality (Joint) CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Engagement with Mr. Paddy Hopkins, Chairman Designate, Charities Regulatory Authority

Education and Social Protection (Joint) CR3, LH 2000 1 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: The Role of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) [Department of Education and Skills; National Council for Special Education (NCSE); IMPACT; National Parents Council-Primary; and National Parents Council Post-Primary]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Administration (Joint sub) CR2, LH 2000 5.30 p.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Environment, Community and Local Government (Select sub) CR4, LH 2000 6.30 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Urban Regeneration and Housing Bill 2015 [Minister of State at the Department of the Environment with Special Responsibility for Housing, Planning and Coordination of the Construction 2020 Strategy]

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Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Select) CR2, LH 2000 2 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: National Minimum Wage (Low Pay Commission) Bill 2015 [Minister of State at the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation with special responsibility for Business and Employment]

Public Service, Oversight and Petitions (Joint) CR3, LH 2000  
(a) 4 p.m. (P)  
(b) 4.30 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA:  
(a) Private; and  
(b) Public Petitions received

Public Expenditure and Reform (Select sub) CR4, LH 2000 4.30 p.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Houses of the Oireachtas (Appointments to Certain Offices) Bill 2014 [Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform]

Procedure and Privileges (Dáil Éireann) Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House 6 p.m.  
AGENDA: Private Meeting

**Thursday 2 July**

Inquiry into the Banking Crisis (Joint) CR1, LH 2000 9.30 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Witnesses before the Banking Inquiry  
Session A: 9.30 a.m.  
(Mr. Brian Cowen, former Taoiseach and Minister for Finance); and  
Session B: 2.30 p.m.  
(Mr. Brian Cowen, former Taoiseach and Minister for Finance)

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Joint) CR4, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Beef Data and Genomics Programme (resumed) [Representatives from the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation]

Public Accounts CR3, LH 2000 10 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: (i) Business of the Committee; and  
(ii) 2013 Appropriation Accounts of the Comptroller and Auditor General:  
a. Chapter 15: Local Property Tax  
b. Chapter 16: Taxation of Rental Income  
c. Revenue Account 2014  
[Officials from the Revenue Commissioners]

Health and Children (Joint) CR2, LH 2000  
(a) 10.15 a.m. (P)  
(b) 12 noon (T)  
AGENDA:  
(a) Private Session - 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and  
(b) Quarterly update on children and youth affairs issues [Minister for Children and Youth Affairs]

Children and Youth Affairs (Select sub) CR2, LH 2000 11.15 a.m. (T)  
AGENDA: Children (Amendment) Bill 2015 [Minister for Children and Youth Affairs]

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