

**Tracton Community Council (TCC)** is a council of volunteers which is dedicated to promoting the process of community development. The objective of TCC is to represent the interests of the people of the Tracton area. TCC also owns and manages Tracton Arts & Community Centre and The Inkwel Theatre. The volunteer members of TCC continue to meet each month, and are pleased to be able to report on the following:

There are planning applications being prepared for two major changes to the village of Minane Bridge – the addition of a children’s playground to the village amenities, and a footpath to improve the safety of those walking from the centre of the village to the National School.

Part-funding has been secured from Cork County Council and the Department of Rural & Community Development for two major projects planned to enhance the facilities at Tracton Arts & Community Centre: an outdoor classroom and a lift from the entrance hall to the first floor. Once these projects are complete we will be able to offer more varied courses, workshops and events, and accessibility for all will be much improved.

Members of the **Tracton Arts Committee** are now busy planning the **8th Tracton Music and Arts Festival** for the first weekend in July. They are looking for volunteers to help out at the festival. To enquire please email Sara: [arts@tracton.org](mailto:arts@tracton.org)

There is now a monthly **Coffee Morning** at the Community Centre. Held on the third Friday morning of each month, this an addition to the existing calendar of regular monthly events: Sunday Markets on the first Sunday morning, and monthly Film Nights on the second Friday evening. (For detail see: [www.tracton.org/home](http://www.tracton.org/home)) We hope that the coffee mornings will become popular with locals of all ages, and go some way to address the issue of social isolation that was highlighted in the 2018 Tracton Community Survey. They will also provide an opportunity for local people to raise funds for a favourite charity – anyone wishing to organise to raise money at one of these coffee mornings can call Angie on 086 0711910. The next coffee morning will be on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

TCC meets on the last Monday evening of each month and anyone with an interest in improving our community can join. If you think you might like to join in with what we do, TCC always welcomes new members; to enquire about joining TCC please contact Helen: [chairperson@tracton.org](mailto:chairperson@tracton.org)

**Upcoming TCC meetings: 27<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm**