Planning Group Report March 2016

We now have a spreadsheet detailing all the shops and businesses on the main Nicolson Street to Newington Road corridor.

Gloria was unable to be at Cockburn Ass civic forum. However she knows Marion Williams and can catch up with her in between times.

It would be good to alternate between members of the planning group to attend these forum meetings.

Gloria has met up with Jo Scott (Southside Association) and it was all very positive. A "linked up approach" to responses to planning issues, licensing etc. would be very good. Jo is enthusiastic to work together with the SCC.

The Planning group needs more people as it is only Gloria and Tim at the moment. It would be really good to have 3-4 people on the team to discuss issues with me and Tim.

The following action plan is proposed for March and April months:

Meet one Saturday and walk around the entire ward area, noting 1) developments 2) areas needing 'attention' - either derelict or under used/poorly connected, have other issues 3) residential or commercial areas 4) liaise with police on 'bad' areas (crimes) 5) amenities 6) schools -or catchment thereof - 7) licensing or other behaviourally/ disorderly causing establishments - all noted on map

Finally to list the amenities we would like to see in the area, as associated with any development or funds that may become available and appropriate to make Southside a better area.

After April meeting, where we will report initial findings and see what Council has to say to it, during April bring together findings, and proposals into SCC planning Vision for Southside document, and forward to appropriate departments of Council, Police, and other relevant parties. Also as a basis for response to development and developers.

Gloria proposed this to Jo Scott and she is in support of the idea and would act as liaison with Southside Association subgroup that is interested in these planning related issues (3 people) and would be happy to work with our team together on this venture.