COUNCIL MEETING

26 August 2019

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   1. Deputation - Awapuni Village
Awapuni Village - Deputation to PNCC Council Meeting, Monday, 26/8/19, 9am

We are not here to entertain, here as advocates – for our residents, customers, visitors from all over the region, and as business owners and churches providing those services. We presume Council is alive to the needs of our community and not anti-business?

Today we have business owners speaking. David and Peter from both churches are available to answer questions.

Comments about the consultation were positive. It was refreshing to see Council Officers in the area and have time to talk. 321 submissions. How does that compare with other responses to Council issues? Awapuni is benefitting from greater business cohesion, a request for regular community meetings, encouragement for community leadership of solutions (Priority 3 Connected Community Strategy)

We are not opposed to cycle lanes – we see the future of our village area of a few hundred metres as needing a low speed, shared space. Safe for all users. The consultation endorses this. Chris Teo-Sherrell and Steve Stannard both supported slower speeds. 6.5 page 59 agrees but says this can’t happen until the Movement & Roads focus through the Roads and Streets Framework and the Speed Limits Bylaw Review happen in 1-2 yrs time.

The Officers Report continues recommending OPTION 1 for the College St Upgrade - we were told this is at Council’s direction – even though the URBAN CYCLE MASTERPLAN referred to in 1.1 page 49 has not completed consultation or been considered and adopted by Council. Why push ahead with OPTION 1 when you cannot take the people with you? It must be a matter of MONEY – where was this funding coming from? If this is a reaction to Council being in a rush to use NZTA $$$ perhaps we should be questioning NZTA’s agreement when policy and Bylaw documents are not in place or community chosen options are not negotiated? Please delay this work until all the necessary actions mesh

Let us have Council doing something we can be proud of. This consultation models a valuable foundation for what comes next. Let’s benefit the city as a whole & grow an exciting, welcomed cycling model.
25 BUSINESSES & SERVICES present in Awapuni Shopping Centre village:

Community Library
Virtue Ear Clinic
Andre’s – Hairdressing
Barber
Animates Vet Care
Awhina Midwives
Doctor Ting’s Surgery
Unichem Awapuni Pharmacy & Post Shop
Majestic Garage and shop
Beauty & Therapeutic Massage – opening in Sept with a 3 yr lease
Bargain World
Liquorland
Hospice Shop
Money machine
Phone Box
Post Box
St Matthew’s Anglican Church – weekly Vege Hub, community shared meals, multiple weekday activities including pre-schoolers and seniors
Presbyterian New Church Awapuni – shared with Kingdom Ambassadors, meeting space and community activities
St Mark’s Op Shop