

**Minutes of Meeting**

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison  
Group**

**Date of Meeting:** 27 July 2023

**Meeting Number** 24

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<b>Venue:</b>	Garlic Room, YMCA, Mt Albert																										

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting on 30 March 2023</b></p> <p>There was considerable discussion about this last meeting and the recording of it in the minutes. Some members considered that they had been insulted by the response to their request for further discussion on the planting plan.</p> <p>In response to this discussion the following additions were requested to the draft minutes:</p> <p>Section 4 under Litter Update insert after paragraph four “The maintenance contractor is to be held to a higher standard of planting - it’s not like a little community group.”</p> <p>Section 7 under Plant Species in seventh paragraph after the sentence “Sel stated that he would like to talk/meet with the person preparing the planting plan.” insert the sentence “The request for a meeting was denied by GAJV as a safe environment could not be guaranteed.”</p>	

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	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November were approved as a correct record subject to the addition of these two extra sentences. This was moved by Sel Arbuckle and seconded by Paul Whitfield.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b></p>	
	<p>All the action items listed were considered to be ongoing.</p>	
	<p>Item 15-2 Details of the Open Space Restoration Plan (OSRP) is to be developed with the Group            STEPS has its own list of items and requested that a process be developed for working through this list. The timeline for when and where the planting will be undertaken and final dates for inclusion in the OSRP needs to be confirmed.            GAJV also have an issues register. Karen and STEPS are to work together on these lists.</p>	<b>WC/GAJV</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Ghella Abergeldie Joint Venture Update</b></p>	
	<p>An update was given by Karen Melville.</p>	
	<p>All of the sites, 16 in number, are under construction. The main TBM Hiwa-i-te-Rangi has passed 7,000 metres. It is due to reach May Road in August. The micro TBM Domenica has completed her final drive on Link Sewer C from Miranda Reserve to Pump Station 25. It is now launched at the Mt Albert site to tunnel 800m to Norgrove Avenue. Work is continuing at the southern end (at Mangere) of the main tunnel so this part can become operational by late 2024. May Road will soon become the centre of the main tunnelling works.</p>	
	<p>At the Haverstock Road site the shaft excavation is completed. It is 50m deep. Lining of the shaft is underway. The chamber construction will follow.</p>	
	<p>At the Lyon Avenue site the shaft excavation is nearly complete, with a depth of 42m. There will be a continuous grout pour at the site.</p>	
	<p>The Mt Albert War Memorial Reserve shaft excavation is complete. It is 32m deep. The mTBM is starting the 800m drive to Norgrove Avenue. A date for a Behind the Blue Gate event is to be confirmed.</p>	
	<p>At the Rawalpindi Reserve site the excavation is completed at 28m depth. The chamber and manhole construction is next to be undertaken.</p>	
	<p>At the Norgrove Avenue site the secant piling is completed. The shaft excavation to 30m depth has started. A date for a Behind the Blue Gate event is to be confirmed.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Update by Watercare</b></p>	
	<p>A presentation was given by Xenia Meier on progress.</p>	

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**Current Objectives**

Rubbish removal is ongoing. There is ongoing maintenance of the MAGS planting. There is ongoing pest and weed control in the lava rock forest areas. In late 2023 - early 2024 conversation will commence about handovers, pest management, and long term maintenance.

**Rubbish Removal Update**

Rubbish removal is managed by Council Community Facilities. It was planned over the 2023 summer. It was reported that the Golf Course Manager is keen to help. It is too wet at the moment to start works. Skink relocation by Ecology NZ will be undertaken at the same time.

**Planting Day**

There was a planting day on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Infill planting was undertaken within the forest, with 205 native trees. A planting day is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Norgrove site to plant 162 plants.

**5. Update by Healthy Waters**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**6. Update by STEPS**

An update was given by Liz Walker.

A written report was tabled that is attached to the minutes.

Eleven issues were raised relating to the Open Space Restoration Plans. STEPS want to feel they are more part of the planning process at the five Meola sites. There was discussion on each of the items, the main points being noted below.

Item 1

A planting list with illustrations produced by STEPS was tabled and is to be sent out as part of the minutes. This was divided into riparian margin plants and lava rock forest plants. STEPS request that the plant list should be used for the planting plan on all five Waititiko sites to link the creek visually.

Item 2

There was discussion on the 2 to 1 tree replacement planting. Counts by three different approaches have come up with about 50 to 60 tree removals. About 120 new trees are to be planted at the Lyon Ave site under these counts. There had been some confusion in the past with tree counts being considered difficult because an area was "bushy". It was considered that this needs to be updated.

The need for open and frank discussion was reiterated. Watercare and GAJV indicated they were open to more considered discussion.

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	<p>Item 4 Public legal access to the elevated Roy Clements Treeway land at Watercare's Lyons Avenue site needs to be properly documented so it is not lost after the project is completed. Access should be guaranteed for the life of the tunnel, up to 100-200 years or more so public land is not privatised.</p>	WC
	<p>Item 7 Significant Ecological Areas STEPS expect Watercare to follow the SEA rules ethically and morally, especially as they relate to plant lists.</p>	WC
	<p>Watercare had emailed STEPS on 13th July before the meeting noting that the CI resource consents had been granted well before the SEA overlays became operative in the Unitary Plan. This is why the SEA requirements are not documented in the GAJV plans.</p>	
	<p>In an email response, STEPS requested that Watercare respect and abide by SEA conditions at Roy Clements Treeway, because of the extreme rarity of Auckland lava rock forest, Watercare's ethical duty as a publicly owned entity and Watercare's responsibilities as a CCO, required to follow Auckland Council guidelines. STEPS also requested that GAJV seek advice on the matter of SEA at Roy Clements Treeway from Auckland Council Parks.</p>	
	<p>Item 8 OSRP Timelines A process outline and timeline was requested from Watercare.</p>	
	<p>Item 10 Art Choices It was thought the art theme at Waititiko sites should focus on the creek, not the tunnel. There is reliance on the Council processes for the artwork. They are expected to guide the process as to what is good art. STEPS want to see a common theme or feel over all the five Waititiko sites as a means of visually linking Waititiko.</p>	
	<p>Item 11 Eco-sourcing of plants Sel outlined how Ben Goodwin had been collecting eco-sourced plants and seeds, such as at Anns Creek and kumara from Ihumatao. It was thought that the collection of seeds for the plants that are hard to source should start now. STEPS offered to help with this. Watercare has been doing this with Makaurau Marae for the enhancement at Pump Station 23 in Hillsborough. The question was raised: Would Watercare include seeds and plants sourced by STEPS in Watercare's OSRP?</p>	WC
	<p>Summary STEPS offered to provide new Watercare or contractor staff with guided walks on SEAs/ restored areas such as Withiell Thomas or Western Springs bush restoration area.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Other Matters</b></p>	
	<p>The question was tabled regarding what the status is of the seeds</p>	

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collected and raised by MAGS.

**9. Next Meeting**This is to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**Action List**

<b>Meeting Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Status</b>
11-1	Contractor to refer to Open Space Restoration Plans for Plant Species	WC		Ongoing
15-1	Consultation for above ground structures	WC	As required	Ongoing
15-2	Details for Open Space Restoration Plans to be developed with group - process and timelines	WC/ GAJV		Ongoing
18-1	Springs at Haverstock Rd : - explore options to return to natural environment.	Healthy Waters	Public access needed for business case. Budget limited.	Ongoing
23-1	Further discussion needed on Lyon Ave retaining wall	STEPS		
24-1	Document future legal access for the public to Ministry of Education land at Lyon Ave site, since the only access is via Morningstar Apartments gate and land.	WC		
24-2	Clarify the current status of seeds and plants collected with MAGS help from the Lyon Ave	WC		

	site in 2021-2022			
24-3	Clarify whether seeds and plants sourced by STEPS can be included in Watercare's OSRP.	WC		