



**Minutes of Meeting**

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison  
Group**

**Date of Meeting:** 28 November 2018

**Meeting Number** 9

**Attendees:**

Name

Alistair Shanks  
Brent Evans  
Stephen Grace  
Olivia Philpott  
Sonia Parra  
Sean Kisby  
Kim Martinengo  
Hayley Dauben  
Elizabeth Walker  
Sel Arbuckle  
Peter Brice

Affiliation/Interest

Facilitator/Secretary  
Watercare  
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Watercare  
Healthy Waters  
Mt Albert Residents Association  
Auckland Council - Arts  
Auckland Council - Parks  
STEPS  
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MAGS

**Apologies:**

Bernice Chiam  
Pat Prescott  
June Cade  
Andrew MacKintosh  
Ian Dally  
Graeme East

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**Venue:** Garlic Room, Mt Albert YMCA

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**1. Introductions**

Hayley Dauben from Auckland Council Parks was welcomed to the group. Hayley is to be the Council Parks contact for the group.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2018**

These were approved as correct.

**3. Action Items from the Minutes**

From Meeting Number 3  
Draft Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan - can be closed as was dealt with in the meeting.

From Meeting Number 4:  
Retention of top soil - top soil requirements have been included in

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the contract documentation as a sustainability item, but should remain as an ongoing item to be watched.

From Meeting Number 5:

- Ownership of land off Haverstock Road. This land has possibilities for enhancement but is mostly outside of the Watercare construction area. Although an opportunity remains for possible action in the future, this item is to be dropped from the action list.
- Mana whenua consultation - this is ongoing through the Kaitiaki Forum and personal contact by Watercare.
- Kura Kaupapa to be engaged with - Is on going.
- Video on the Sharepoint Portal - the problems with the portal are resolved so this item can be closed off.

From Meeting 7

- Engagement with landowners. This is can be closed off.
- Agree enhancement prioritisation process with the community. This is being discussed in the meeting today so can be closed off.

From Meeting 8

- Complete RCT Enhancement Plan. This is being discussed at the meeting today so can be closed off.
- Parks person to be nominated. Hayley has been nominated so this item can be closed off.
- Elevated site at the RC Treeway. This is ongoing.

#### **4. Watercare Update**

##### **Project Update**

It was reported that the Watercare Board met the evening before the meeting and has agreed to appoint a contractor. The decision is to be announced within the next few days. The contract will be awarded in March 2019.

The programme has been keeping to the time deadlines. The last six months has seen Watercare involvement with the tenderers. Construction is expected to start mid 2019.

The start date for works in the Meola area will depend on the contractors programme. The contractor will not open up sites until they are required for the programme of works.

All the contractors have an international and local mix in their team.

##### **Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan Update**

A draft of the Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan was tabled.

This plan is required by the consent and designation conditions. It

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presents opportunities for Watercare to invest in areas for enhancement, such as the Norgrove forest area by the Chamberlain Golf Course, privet removal, and stream enhancement within the MAGs property.

It is envisaged that most of the work will be done by contractors, with the opportunity for volunteers and community involvement.

The group were asked to send any comments they may have on the plan to Brent Evans as soon as possible, as the plan is to be submitted to Council on 14<sup>th</sup> December. The comments should state which clause in the plan is of concern, the reason for the concern and any alternative wording that they suggest. Watercare will document these concerns and respond to them. This way a clear record will be maintained of concerns and responses to them.

**Group**

The Local Board has is a meeting next Monday and a workshop on the enhancement works.

To get the maximum benefit from the investment in enhancement works it is critical others do their part as well, working together with Watercare.

The Consent requires maintenance for two years. Watercare has offered three years. It was thought that the Local Board will ask for five years.

Table 1 and 2 in the plan show that the year starts in July. It was asked that this be changed to show the maintenance by calendar year, January to December.

Opportunities for education and promotion within schools were discussed. This would help with community building and education.

Opportunities for a walkway in the Norgrove forest area were discussed. Access to this area is through the golf course, and if the walkway is pursued access will have to be negotiated.

It was reported that the draft plan has been seen by some of mana whenua. Heta Henare had taken a copy of the plan.

## **5. Update by Healthy Waters**

The operation of the stormwater network is continuing as normal with nothing unusual to report.

The Waitemata Local Board is investing in further water sampling in

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the aquifers. RIMU are designing the programme. Watercare will be contacted to see if they have bores that can be used.

The Western Isthmus programme has other initiatives on sewer separation and stormwater upgrades. A joint community liaison group organised by Watercare and Healthy Waters has been established to discuss initiatives and the way forward.

## 6. STEPS Update

STEPS provided an update. This included the following:

- 1) STEPS congratulated the Watercare team on producing a professional plan for the Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement. The good work of Angela Chaffe was acknowledged. There was enthusiasm over the opportunities the plan presents and an expectation about its implementation. Further discussion is anticipated. It presents opportunities for community building and community involvement.
- 2) There is concern over the visual appearance of the proposed structure at Lyon Avenue. Two different pictures of the structure have been presented to the community. It was considered that the community expectations need to be worked through.
- 3) Daylighting of watercourses is encouraged.
- 4) The wetland planting has been continuing.
- 5) The monthly working bees have been going well.
- 6) Ongoing water quality monitoring is encouraged so the effects of improvement works on sewer separation and reduction of overflows can be seen.

At rocky sites it was thought that planting should occur early in the season, such as in the month of May, to get the optimal results from the new plants.

## 7. Other Matters

### Norgrove Area

There are aspirations for naturalising the modified areas of the channel. If this is going to be done, planting should be five meters back to avoid duplication of work in the future.

### Above Ground Structures

It was considered that the plans for these structures need to be identified and agreed on.

It is considered that the proposed structure at Lyon Avenue needs to be redesigned so it is lower, less intrusive in appearance and

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	having less effect on the natural environment. It was asked that there be further discussion on this so that all the parties involved can agree on the outcome. Currently there are differing views on the structure.	<b>Watercare</b>

The Council's Public Arts section has been asked by the Local Board to create a visual pattern for the structures and control boxes within the isthmus, with the possibility of highlighting some of them with artwork. This concept should be considered along side the concept of minimising the appearance of the structure.

#### 8. **Next Meeting**

This will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### **Link to Meola Stream CLG Minutes and Agenda**

[https://www.watercare.co.nz/about-watercare/Projects%20around%20Auckland/Central\\_Interceptor/Pages/Central-Interceptor.aspx](https://www.watercare.co.nz/about-watercare/Projects%20around%20Auckland/Central_Interceptor/Pages/Central-Interceptor.aspx)

## **STEPS** *St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc*

**We protect and enhance Waititiko Meola Creek its environs, the aquifer and springs.**

### **STEPS UPDATE – MEOLA FORUM 28 November 2018**

#### **1. Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta Aquifer and the Waititiko - Waiteao Creeks Management Plan:**

In August 2017 STEPS presented a concept to Albert Eden LB, Waitemata LB and Puketepapa LB for an integrated plan for restoration of Meola Creek / Motions Creek including Chamberlain Park and all the Central Interceptor sites. Healthy Waters is assisting with progression of this. We were pleased all three local boards funded it after Long Term Plan Consultation. We understand all 3 boards met and decided to monitor water in the aquifer. We were also informed that all opportunities were what Healthy Waters term “Lower Meola” but nothing has been produced to date. It also appears the community will not be consulted or engaged. We await progress from Healthy Waters.

#### **2. Central Interceptor and Meola**

- “Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan”

STEPS carried out three walks of restored areas, and through the riparian rock forest with five Watercare people. We received the draft plan on 26 November and will provide comments. We look forward to the plan’s approval this year by AELB and Auckland Council.

- Lyon Avenue CI Design

STEPS’ understanding and expectations were not met when we discovered very late that this is the only CI site which is **not** underground. Instead will be 2-3 meters high where it bulges 7 m across the Roy Clements Treeway, breaking the continuity of the forest remnant. In addition an unexpected control room has been placed on top abutting and further shading the treeway. STEPS has spoken with Morningstar Apartments and has written to Watercare to request that it be moved back a few meters so it is not visible from nor shading the RC Treeway. Sketches of the design in 2013 and 2018

show the differences.      Lyon Ave site 2013 CI      Lyon Ave CI  
plan view.pdf      model.jpg

#### **3. Monthly Working Bees and STEPS Plantings 2018:**

This year we have walked the mountain to sea path – from Owairaka to Te Tokaroa.

<https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.meolacreek.org.nz%2Fmeola-waititiko-mountain-to-sea-walk%2F> in 3 stages. All welcome for the monthly event– watch the web site or facebook for the next stage. Usually second Saturday in the month.

The meadow or ‘ephemeral wetland in Roy Clements Treeway remained constantly wet since 19 May to October and intermittently since then.. We have held some volunteer weed releasing sessions. Thanks to volunteers, AELB and AC Parks.

Elizabeth Walker

Chair

St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc.

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### **Action List**

<b>Meeting Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Status</b>
4	Retention of top soil especially at Lyon Ave	Watercare	Request included in contract documentation.	Monitor final contract
5.	Mana whenua consultation timing, process to be reconsidered.	Watercare	Bernice to liaise through Kaitiaki Forum	Ongoing
5	Kura Kaupapa o Nga Maungarongo as tangata whenua also need to be engaged at the right time	Watercare	Will contact in person from time to time.	Ongoing
8	Elevated site at Roy Clements Treeway – community request to move control room back to avoid further shading and building visibility from Treeway.		Watercare	
9	Written comment to Brent Evans on Roy Clements Treeway before 10 December	Members of the group		
9	Further discussion on the structure at Lyon Ave	Watercare	To be arranged by Watercare	