

**Minutes of Meeting**

Approved

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison  
Group**

**Date of Meeting:** 30 June 2020

**Meeting Number** 15

**Attendees:**

Name

Affiliation/Interest

Alistair Shanks  
Tame Te Rangi  
Graeme Easte  
Christina Robertson  
Paul Murphy  
Shalini Sanjeshni  
Peter Wilson  
Carol Moffatt  
Theresa Pearce  
Elizabeth Walker  
Andrew MacKintosh  
Sel Arbuckle  
Kath Gray

Facilitator/Secretary  
Chair Kaitiaki Forum  
Albert Eden Local Board  
Albert Eden Local Board  
Auckland Council Parks  
Watercare  
Watercare  
Ghella Abergeldie JV  
Healthy Waters  
STEPS  
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STEPS  
STEPS/Resident

**Apologies:**

Nick Vigar  
Peter Brice

Healthy Waters  
MAGS

**Venue:**

Garlick Room, Mt Albert YMCA

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2020</b>	
	These were approved as correct. This was moved by Liz Walker and seconded by Graeme Easte.	
2.	<b>Action Items from the Minutes</b>	
	From Meeting Number 4 Retention of top soil - this is to be left as an ongoing item and will be considered as part of the restoration plans.	
	From Meeting Number 11-1 The Contractor is to refer to the Waititiko Meola Creek Enhancement Plan for the appropriate list of plant species and will come to the group for feedback. This is ongoing.	
	From Meeting Numbers 11-2 and 11-5 The visual appearance of the Plant Rooms. This is ongoing.	

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From Meeting Number 11-6  
Effects of the reduced flow in the stream to be considered. This is yet to be done, so is ongoing.

From Meeting Number 11-7  
Springs at Haverstock Road. It was discussed later in the agenda.

From Meeting Number 14-1  
Liaison with Chamberlain Park. It was discussed later in the agenda.

**3. Update by Contractor**

**Project Update**

Carol Moffatt from the Contractor Ghella Abergeldie Joint Venture, gave an update.

A video was shown of the works at Mangere. The shafts are first piled and then the ground within the pile perimeter excavated from the surface. When the shafts are completed the tunnel boring machine (TBM) will be lowered in. The TBM is expected from Germany in November and is likely to start boring in February/ March.

At the May Road site the piles are complete for Shaft A and the shaft excavation will start in August. Work on Shaft B will commence shortly. Spoil will be removed from this site after the TBM passes through it.

At Keith Hay Park the access road and a 4m high noise barrier to protect adjacent properties have been constructed.

Work at Haycock Avenue started on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

An education centre has been constructed at Mangere and will remain for use by Watercare after the completion of the project. Two day training for new staff is a minimum. The training is broad, including whole of life aspects to help new employees. English as a second language is also being offered.

The question of availability of tours was raised. Safety is a concern. Carol is to look into the possibility of a visit by some members of the group.

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4.	<p><b>Update by Watercare</b></p> <p>Peter Wilson gave an update.</p> <p>The CI tunnel is now to be 14.7km long as it is to extend through to Grey Lynn to Coxs Creek at Tawariki Street. There will be 17 sites. Work is underway at Mangere and the three other sites. Later this year work will commence at three more sites.</p> <p>There is a CI video that can be viewed on YouTube.</p> <p>The Western Springs extension to Tawariki Street will require the removal of three houses. The Western Springs site is close to the Bullock Track. The Western Springs Parks Management Plan is currently being prepared by Council. Consultation is being undertaken with this process is being led by David Barker from Auckland Parks.</p> <p>Work at the Mt Albert site will start in August 2021.</p> <p>The arborist Tree Protection Management Plan is now on the website along side the group meeting minutes. The public arts process is well underway, and has been presented to the Albert/Eden and Whau Local Boards and is to be presented to Puketapapa Local Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.</p> <p>The above ground structures design for Haverstock Road and Lyon Avenue areas has started. The group is to have input into the designs, with the intention to have a workshop for this purpose in August. A workshop with the landscape designer is planned in August. St Lukes Garden is also to be invited. Peter Wilson is to propose some dates to the group in August for this discussion. Tuesdays were preferred by the group.</p> <p><b>Environmental Update</b></p> <p>It was reported that MAGS had a successful planting day, with 150 people involved. The planting was funded by Watercare. A video was shown of the planting. It involved over 60 from Kowhai Intermediate School and the MAGS staff and house boys. Fencing of this area has not occurred yet however it will commence soon and will be sponsored by Watercare.</p> <p>The group asked that appreciation for the efforts by Watercare and MAGS be recorded as this work has resulted in a significant positive environmental effect for the tributary.</p> <p><b>Norgrove Reserve</b></p>	P Wilson

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Ecology NZ have been engaged and a scope of work agreed for lizard salvage works.

Te Ngahere, the implementation controller for the enhancement plan, has subcontracted a company to remove the rubbish. Consultation with STEPS has identified the location and type of rubbish and pest plants to be removed, and what areas and plants are to be protected. Two site visits were completed when accessing the scope of work for rubbish removal and weed control within the Norwood Reserve, on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. The first site visit was to assess the situation for rubbish clearance and understand the full scale of works involved. The visit involved local board, Watercare and STEPS. The second site visit on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 focused on finalising the work area for contractors and to finalise extent of the scope of work. This was completed with STEPS, Watercare, Te Ngahere, and EcologyNZ.

Graeme Easte reminded the group of the interest of the local board in this area and of the need to keep them informed.

It was asked when the detailed part of the enhancement plan for the area will be discussed. Peter Wilson is to follow this up.

**P Wilson**

The question was raised about the ownership of the land on the north side of the creek in this area. Some locals have acted as if they own areas of it, with one home made bridge seen in the area. Realignment of part of the creek was done some years ago and it was thought there could be pockets of publically owned land on the south side of the creek. Graeme Easte agreed to follow this up within Council to check on the land ownership in the area.

**G Easte**

**5. Update by Healthy Waters**

The scoping for looking at the potential for daylighting at Haverstock Road has been put on hold because of the budget cuts following Covid-19. However Healthy Waters are looking to see if this can be done using in-house expertise. The budget for any capital works identified would still be a problem. There is the possibility for maintenance works to be undertaken under maintenance budgets.

Following discussion within the group it was thought that flow into an existing underground pipe could just be blocked off, and that this work could be part of the CI reinstatement works. It was identified that Healthy Waters would be responsible for this work.

Some of the land at the northern end of the site is owned by Plant and Food. There is a security fence around the Plant and Food

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	land. STEPS asked if Watercare, Healthy Waters and STEPS can work with Plant and Food to relocate part of their fence as part of the Haverstock reinstatement plan and allow a public walkway in this area.	<b>WC/HW/ STEPS</b>
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	A new contact is to be made within Plant and Food as the previous one has recently left the organisation. Plant and Food have a national sustainability group who may be supportive of the enhancement endeavors for the area.	<b>Healthy Waters</b>
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STEPS indicated their support to Healthy Waters with this initiative for creek restoration and beautification. STEPS were also concerned at the lack of enforcement by Council over breaches by the house landowners encroachment in the area in laying gobi blocks and parking on Council land.

**6. STEPS Update**

STEPS are looking forward to a planting day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in the rock forest. Everyone was invited.

Concerns were raised over the communication with the neighbours, especially in the Norwood area. It was considered that the neighbours need to be involved so they want to be part of looking after the creek. Work could start with the qualified contractor and eventually be taken over by the community through their involvement. The importance of determining the legal ownership in the area, as discussed at the end of item 4 above, was reiterated.

**7. Other Matters**

Graeme Easte asked about the type of culvert that was planned by the CI contractor at Haverstock Road. Carol is to find out for Graeme.

Tame outlined some of the Maori history and values of the springs in the volcanic areas and of the different types of waters in the area.

**8. Next Meeting**

This will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 29th September.

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

<https://watercareserviceslimited.sharepoint.com/sites/External/MSCLG/MSCLGDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

## **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	Include in restoration plans.	Ongoing
11-1	Contractor to refer to Enhancement Plan for Plant Species	Watercare		Ongoing
11-5	Plant room layout plans to be updated after each meeting if there are changes	Watercare		Ongoing
11-6	Effects of reduced flow in stream to be considered	Healthy Waters		Ongoing
15-1	Consultation for above ground structures	Watercare	P Wilson to arrange meetings	
15-2	Details for enhancement plans to be developed with group	Watercare		
15-3	Land ownership by creek in Norwood area to be determined	Council	G Easte to arrange	
15-4	Springs at Haverstock Rd : - explore option to return to natural environment - new contact with Plant and Food to be established.	Healthy Waters	HW to report back.  G Easte to send out old proposal.	Ongoing