

**Minutes of Meeting**

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison  
Group**

**Date of Meeting:** 6 March 2018

**Meeting Number** 6

<b>Attendees:</b>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Interest</u>
	Alistair Shanks	Facilitator/Secretary
	Shayne Cunis	Watercare Executive Programme Director - Central Interceptor
	Stephen Grace	Watercare
	Bernice Chiam	Watercare
	Bojan Jovanovic	Watercare
	Pat Prescott	STEPS
	Elizabeth Walker	STEPS
	Sel Arbuckle	STEPS
	June Cade	STEPS
	Andrew MacKintosh	STEPS
	Christy Reynolds	Green Scene
	Alan Matteucci	Habitat Property Services (Morningstar)
	Philip Gardener	MAGS
	Graeme Easte	Local Council Board
<b>Apologies:</b>	Rhianna Drury	Healthy Waters - Auckland Council
	Sean Kisby	Mt Albert Resident Association
	David Ward	Watercare
	Roseland Klein	Watercare
<b>Venue:</b>	Garlic Room, Mt Albert YMCA	

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<b>Introductions</b>	
	<p>Shayne Cunis was introduced as the Watercare executive responsible for the delivery of the Central Interceptor Project. David Ward, who was the manager responsible for the planning and design of the project will now be concentrating on his role as the overall general design manager within Watercare.</p> <p>Philip Gardener, the new MAGS property manager was welcomed to the group.</p>	
2.	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2017</b>	
	<p>These were approved as correct.</p>	

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### 3. Action Items from the Minutes

From Meeting Number 4:  
Retention of top soil - this is item is to continue

From Meeting Number 5:

- Ownership of land off Haverstock Road - this is ongoing.
- Mana whenua consultation - this is ongoing through the Kaitiaki Forum and personal contact by Bernice.
- Kura Kaupapa to be engaged with - they have been added to the mailing list and Bernice is to try to meet with them in person.
- Video on the Portal - the problems with the portal are in the process of being resolved.

### 4. Watercare Update

It was reported that the Central Interceptor Project is now in the procurement phase – expressions of interest have been requested from national and international companies. There were seven responses. Four consortia have been shortlisted. These are made up of local and international contractors. The next stage is the request for tenders, which is expected to be in May. It is anticipated that a contract to the successful tenderer will be awarded in January 2019. Construction is planned for 2019 to 2025.

The program is on time.

Extra people will be employed by Watercare to achieve the works. It is anticipated that there will be 16 new work fronts, with up to 80 - 100 new staff. Up to 500 people could be involved including the contractors at the height of the project.

The Watercare Board are committed to the delivery of the Central Interceptor project on this time frame. Watercare is looking to this group's support to help achieve the project on time.

The construction works will commence at the southern end in Mangere. Work shafts will be constructed at Mangere, Mays Road and Western Springs when they are needed. Once Watercare knows the timing of the works at the other shaft locations it will communicate this with the stakeholders. Watercare sees STEPS as a long term partner in the project.

There will be better water quality improvement if Healthy Waters programs can be coordinated with the Central Interceptor program.

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But Healthy Waters need the budget for their proposed works.

It was reported that the Long Term Plan for the Council is open for submissions. Council funding is needed for Healthy Waters to undertake their work which will maximize the benefits from the Central Interceptor works.

Opportunities to deliver the Central Interceptor project in a shorter time frame was discussed. If it is faster, the Watercare cash flow would be more demanding. But if a faster delivered project could be cheaper, this would be considered. However a faster delivered project would result in more disruption such as extra vehicle movements in the Mays Road area. There are also constraints on what the construction market can deliver, such as the number of concrete trucks, and concrete mixing plants. The consortia who bid will consider these matters.

The tunnelling market is very tight in the Asia- Pacific region. There is billions of dollars worth of tunneling planned in Australia for construction in the next ten years.

The NZ Transport Authority uses alliances for its larger projects where they are also at the same table for discussions with the contractors.

Watercare will take the ongoing responsibility for liaison with stakeholders and will be the point of contact with the community. The short listed consortia are all experienced at working with communities.

A recent example of Watercare consultation has been with the construction of the Hunua Four pipeline from Manukau to Epsom which involved up to five metre depth of trenching. Watercare was involved in the planning and consultation with communities effected.

Watercare will contact Healthy Waters and meet monthly with STEPS. The problems with the Watercare portal will be resolved and links to it sent out.

**Watercare****Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan****5.**

This is not a construction site reinstatement plan, but an enhancement plan. The work done to date has included site visits of the treeway and development of enhancement designs. Christy has been involved. Healthy Waters and the Local Board need to be involved and invited to participate.

The proposed enhancement includes:

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- exotic tree removal
- weed control adjacent to Chamberlain Park
- enhancement/riparian planting along Meola Stream and its tributaries in MAGS.
- walkway construction along selected arms of Meola Stream
- signage placement along the Mountain to Sea route.
- maintenance of enhancement plantings.

The timetable for the plan is as follows:

- develop enhancement landscaping design - June 2018
- submit plan to Council for approval - December 2018
- begin to implement enhancement plan - 2019 after Council approval
- mitigation work will be planned and implemented after the Central Interceptor contractor is appointed.

### **STEPS Update**

6. STEPS provided a vote of thanks to David Ward for his contribution to the Central Interceptor project. They expressed appreciation of his politeness, responsiveness, and professionalism.

STEPS also congratulated Watercare in making the Central Interceptor a major project and allocating resources to its construction.

STEPS welcomed Shayne to the group. Shayne informed the group that Watercare is appointing a communications person to the Central Interceptor team and is seeking to make Watercare more visible to the public.

STEPS provided an update as attached as Appendix A. This included the following:

- 1) There is a walking/working meeting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.
- 2) Three planting areas have been selected for 2018-9.
- 3) Following a tree fall in MAGS over the stream a memorial stone was rescued which is of interest.
- 4) STEPS presented on management plans to local boards. This will provide the context for the Roy Clements Treeway Mitigation Plan and Central Interceptor shaft reinstatement plans.
- 5) Lobbying has been undertaken for improved water quality in the creeks and harbours.

It was noted that Council Long Term Plan is open for submissions, and that the network discharge consent application for stormwater discharges is open for submissions until 20 March.

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**Healthy Waters Update**

7. This was deferred until the next meeting as there was no one present from Healthy Waters.

**Other Matters**

8. Discussion was held about ways of improving public access to Ahurangi Meola Creek flowpath.

9. **Next Meeting**

This was proposed for May 2018. Notification will be sent out once a date is determined.

**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)

## Appendix A

### STEPS UPDATE – MEOLA FORUM March 2018

#### 1. STEPS Monthly Working Bees

To be held Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 10am.

All welcome to join STEPS in walking from Owairaka to Ahurangi.

See <https://www.facebook.com/events/2058554331025251/>

#### 2. STEPS Planting Areas have been decided for 2018-19:

- The 'meadow' in Roy Clements Treeway is really an ephemeral wetland, now covered in buttercup, kikuyu and dock. In June 2018 it will be planted in low appropriate native species thanks to AELB and Parks.

- Ahurangi – just 60 plants near the Kura Kaupapa

- the Alberton entrance

We are due to meet Healthy Waters this week to align on the latter 2 locations.

3. After a MAGS trees fell over the stream in Roy Clements Treeway on 3 October, the ground was so wet that it could not be moved until December. Thanks to Healthy Waters who took the opportunity to also rescue the memorial stone to a MAGS pupil from the 1990s. The identification of the pupil provided interest on the Mt Albert Inc website.

4. Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta Aquifer and the Waititiko - Waiateao Creeks Management Plan proposal: 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.

To make it happen, we need funding, local board support and Parks involvement. STEPS believes it will be of great assistance in achieving a quantum leap for Waititiko Meola Creek. In particular it will provide a landscape level context for the 'Roy Clements Treeway Mitigation Plan', and CI shaft site reinstatement plans for the Central Interceptor project.

#### 5. Meola Stormwater Treatment and Infrastructure:

STEPS and Friends of Oakley Creek joined SASOC and Manukau Harbour Restoration Society

in lobbying Auckland Council, Watercare and Government MPs for improved water quality in creeks and harbours.

The 2018 Long Term Plan consultation is now open for individuals and groups to submit in support of rates and expenditure plans for stormwater treatment in the Western isthmus.

Submissions due 28 March on Shape Auckland website.

STEPS looks to Healthy Waters to provide long needed "green infrastructure" for Meola in order to improve the aquifer "soakage system" and Meola/ Waitemata / Manukau water quality.

See <https://www.facebook.com/stopsewageoverflowsauckland>

We also note that a Network discharge consent is being sought by Healthy Waters to cover all stormwater outfalls for 35 years. (This excludes combined sewer outfalls, and some road outfalls). Submissions due 20 March.

Elizabeth Walker

Chair

St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc.

## Action List

Meeting Number	Action	Responsibility	Response	Status
3	Draft Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan to be developed and distributed for comment	Watercare	Greenscense appointed and met with STEPS.	Under action. Due 31 Dec 2018
4	Retention of top soil especially at Lyon Ave	Watercare		Ongoing
5.	Identify who owns Ahurangi land and what is ownership structure of boundary of 98-136 Haverstock Rd SHA (eg body corporate or developer?)	Healthy Waters Rhianna		
5.	Mana whenua consultation timing, process to be reconsidered. Include plant list and give a date for feedback. STEPS can support plant list aspects.	Watercare	Bernice to liaise through Kaitiaki Forum	
5	Kura Kaupapa o Nga Maungarongo as tangata whenua also need to be engaged	Watercare	Added to mailing list. Bernice to contact in person.	
5	Video of Lyon Ave site model to be put up on the planned portal	Watercare	Portal issues being resolved	
6	Consultation with Healthy Waters	Watercare and STEPS		

