

**Minutes of Meeting**

Final

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**Meola Stream Community Liaison  
Group**

**Date of Meeting:** 7 November 2017

**Meeting Number** 5

<b>Attendees:</b>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation/Interest</u>
	Alistair Shanks	Facilitator/Secretary
	David Ward	Watercare CI Project Manager
	Stephen Grace	Watercare
	Bernice Chiam	Watercare
	Bojan Jovanovic	Watercare
	Joby Barham	Auckland Council Parks
	Pat Prescott	STEPS
	Elizabeth Walker	STEPS
	Graeme Easte	Local Council Board
	Andrew Chin	Healthy Waters - Auckland Council
	Christy Reynolds	Green Scene
	Rhianna Drury	Healthy Waters - Auckland Council
	Alan Matteucci	Habitat Property Services (Morningstar)
	Sean Kisby	Mt Albert Resident Association
	Kim Martinengo	Auckland Council

<b>Apologies:</b>		
	Sel Arbuckle	STEPS
	June Cade	STEPS
	Andrew MacKintosh	STEPS
	Sharon Eccleshall	Meola resident
	Stacy Colyer	Green Scene

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

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 August 2017</b>	
	These were approved as correct, subject to the proper spelling of Roy Clements and Lyon Ave.	
2.	<b>Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan</b>	
	Under its consent, Watercare is required to provide "Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan" to Council by the end of 2018.	
	Greenscene has been appointed and was present at the meeting.	

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
	<p>STEPS provided an outline of opportunities for the “Roy Clements Treeway Enhancement Plan” to Watercare in August. They also took Greenscene to all five Meola Central Interceptor sites for an on site view.</p>	
	<p>STEPS presented a proposal to Albert Eden Local Board for a landscape level view of all the different restoration projects underway in Meola Creek (see STEPS update below).</p>	
	<p>Various strategic plans for Meola Creek exist. One challenge is to link the various plans together.</p>	
	<p>A master plan has been developed for Chamberlain Park. This is a high level plan. There is a desire to use the old stream channel and to include meanders in a natural stream bed.</p>	
	<p>It was reported that in February the west side of the creek in Chamberlain Park will be changed as proposed in the Albert Eden Local Board Plan.</p>	
	<p>There was discussion on intentions but there needs to be committed funding for projects to proceed.</p>	
	<p>It was requested that Watercare, STEPS Healthy Waters and Graeme Easte as part of the local board, keep in open communication as plans progress.</p>	<b>Watercare</b>
	<p>Three plant species lists have been provided to Watercare, for wetland, streamside and rocky areas.</p>	
	<p>Council advised that consultation with mana whenua needs to be undertaken. The plant species list would be something they are interested in and they need to be consulted early on in the process. It would be good to give iwi a timeframe for feedback and agreement amongst iwi. The consultation process should allow them to provide a Kaupapa including a name for the Central Interceptor project and various sites. STEPS requested that Kura Kaupapa o Nga Maungarongo as tangata whenua also need to be engaged.</p>	
	<p>STEPS indicated they would like to be part of the consultation process.</p>	
	<p>Watercare advised that they are in the process of consultation and will take this advice into account.</p>	<b>Watercare</b>

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3.	<b>Watercare Update</b>	
	<p>It was reported that the Central Interceptor Project is now in the procurement phase – with expressions of interest being requested from national and international companies. There has been briefings for contractors. The requirements are very strict in terms of health and safety for working in deep tunnels, being subject to the Health and Safety at Work and Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations Regulations.</p> <p>The selection is a formal process, being rigorous, ethical, and professional.</p> <p>The project has a spending profile over a period of 10 years – so if Watercare bored the holes twice as fast using two instead of one machines they could not afford it in terms of cash flow. However Watercare is looking for innovation in how quickly shafts can be built as this effects the length of public disruption.</p>	
	<p>Watercare has now built a model showing both the Lyon Ave landscape in 3 D and all the pipes. STEPS thanked them and asked can this be put up on the planned portal. Watercare may make a short video as the model is very large as it is.</p>	<b>Watercare</b>
4.	<b>STEPS Update</b>	
	<p>STEPS provided an update as attached as Appendix A.</p> <p>Under Item 2, Planting Areas, there was discussion on Ahurangi, the culverted part of the creek behind Haverstock Road. Healthy Waters are considering installing further scruffy domes in this area to support the planting.</p> <p>Graeme Easte raised concern about boundaries along Ahurangi. He thinks it is important to know who owns Kouka Lane and the land bordering Ahurangi (developer, or a body corp.) – Rhianna will follow up and try to get clarity on who owns what.</p>	
	<p>Under Item 4 it was reported that the Council has already done some planning for the lower part of Meola Stream. These plans should be drawn on and STEPS advised they would like to understand changes by Healthy Waters to the lower part to the creek. At this stage Healthy Waters has not invited community members to their Meola restoration meetings.</p>	<b>Rhianna</b>

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5.	<p><b>Healthy Waters Update</b></p> <p>The site visit to Artillery Drive in Papakura was undertaken in August. The visitors missed the break through by two hours. The safety issues, the tight site, and the numerous truck movements were observed.</p> <p>STEPS moved a vote of thanks to Healthy Waters for undertaking the site visit.</p> <p>Andrew Chin will be at the Western Isthmus Water Quality Strategy meeting on the 20 November.</p> <p>There was discussion on the effects of intensification. Watercare is constructing the Central Interceptor. When this becomes operational there will be a marked noticeable improvement in stream quality. Stormwater will be provided for by soakage, some extra pipework and improvement in streetscapes to provide for soakage. Treatment of stormwater will focus on land use. Water off a high use road is much more polluted than water off a roof.</p> <p>Any stormwater treatment will be undertaken “street by street” and options and ways of doing things will be further considered after funding is approved.</p> <p>There was discussion on how works would be funded. There has been talk of a \$70/ household targeted water quality rate being included in the Council Long Term Plan. There will be an announcement by the Mayor in early December on the Long Term Plan.</p> <p>It was thought that it is imperative that it is shown that there are benefits across Auckland for treating stormwater. It was discussed how people on soakage have to spend \$30k plus for a drainage storage tank when they get a new building consent, and how they too will need to see common benefit to improve stream water quality.</p> <p>Public consultation on the Long Term Plan is likely to be in February, with it being approved in May.</p> <p>The North Shore, a few years back improved their wastewater overflows, which has resulted in significant improvements. However the Auckland region ratepayers are all still paying for these improvements.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Public Engagement</b></p>	

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
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Watercare is currently focusing on the contract documents for the Central Interceptor.

Localised public engagement is yet to come as much of the construction work will be five years away, which is too far ahead to engage the public.

Watercare had developed an interactive model on the project which they demonstrated. This could be simplified and provided for access on the portal. A cardboard model of a tunnel boring machine and process was presented to the group. This was suitable for school children.

It was reported that at the MAG school there are two teachers who are interested in the stream and see engagement in the restoration project as an educational opportunity.

**7. Other Matters**

The minutes will be located on the portal. They are currently on the Watercare web site. STEPS requested that the Chair include the link to the minutes on every agenda and every set of minutes.

Watercare will take opportunities where appropriate to present information on the Central Interceptor when events are held at various local parks.

**8. Next Meeting**

This is proposed for February 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%20Interceptor/Pages/Central-Interceptor.aspx)

## Appendix A

### St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc (STEPS)

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#### STEPS UPDATE – MEOLA FORUM 7 November 2017

##### 1. Monthly Working Bees

These have been held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at several sites on Meola Creek:

- Ahurangi/ Haverstock Rd outfall pipe
- Norgrove Ave
- Mt Albert War Memorial Park
- Motions Creek estuary (our 'twin stream')

The last 2 of the year will be at:

- Norgrove Ave – 11 November
- Roy Clements Treeway – 9 December

We have met several new neighbours at these future CI sites. Thanks to Mac Mackintosh and Sel Arbuckle for making these happen. STEPS has been delighted by the response and pleased at the strengthening of the Meola community.

##### 2. STEPS Planting Areas have been decided for 2018-19 with Nick and Sel's help:

- 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.
- Healthy Waters is assisting with the future planting of Ahurangi, and the Alberton entrance as these areas are used by their contractors. These may take more time.

3. We note one of the MAGS trees fell over the stream in Roy Clements Treeway a month ago. The ground was so wet it that is still lying there awaiting Council action. The significance is that it would impede sewage and stormwater overflows if a major combined sewer event occurred.

4. Te Tatua-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. Politicians and staff were generally recognised the need to complement the large scale CI infrastructure with local stormwater treatment. Subsequently AC Environment and Community Committee has brought forward additional \$600 million over the next 10 years for stormwater treatment and CI extension to Grey Lynn. Healthy Waters and Watercare are jointly leading community consultation sessions to bring the public into the more detailed planning steps as no detail is yet available. The money has yet to be approved as part of the 2017-18 Long Term Plan consultation, and STEPS and SASOC will continue to be involved through that process. We thank all involved so far. STEPS expects leadership from Healthy Waters in providing long needed “green infrastructure” for Meola in order to improve the aquifer “soakage system” and Meola/ Waitemata / Manukau water quality. We are pleased with the planning progress so far. We also note the improved transparency of water quality issues with the “Safeswim” website and program and trust that the new “Auckland Waters” plan will help provide a sustained focus on water quality by Auckland Council and Watercare as well as the community.

#### 6. Communications

STEPS has achieved a step change too this year in use of social media thanks to Mac. See below for Facebook pages for STEPS, Meola Creek, and Stormwater overflows.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MeolaCreek>

<https://www.facebook.com/STEPSNZ/>

We would ask all Facebook users to join to show their support and keep up with the events.

Elizabeth Walker

Chair

St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Inc.

## Action List

<b>Meeting Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Status</b>
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		
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		
5	Kura Kaupapa o Nga Maungarongo as tangata whenua also need to be engaged	Watercare		
5	Video of Lyon Ave site model to be put up on the planned portal	Watercare		