

# LOVE KNYSNA PETITION

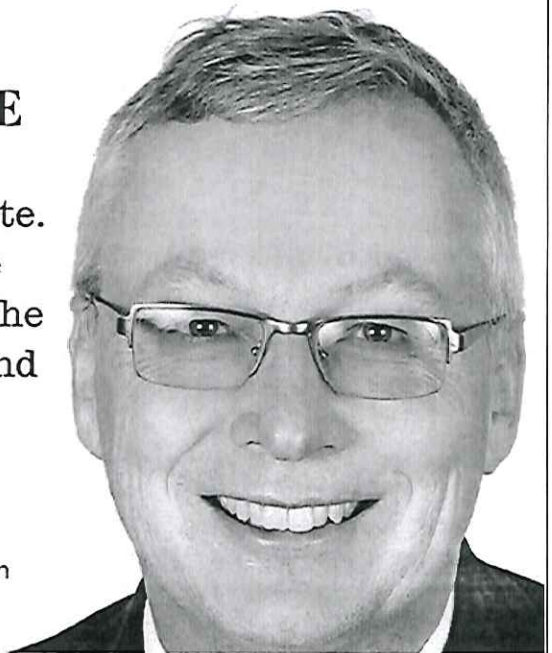
TO: COMMITTEE PETITIONS & EXECUTIVE UNDERTAKINGS  
SUBJECT: UPDATE SUMMARY (APRIL 7 2017)

**PROUDLY**

**DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

"You seem not to realize that you are in no position to negotiate. I'm surprised you even tried. We hold all the cards, and have all the power to make your life really and truly miserable... jail is more than likely your next Knysna destination..."

- Councillor Dr Martin Young threatens Mike Hampton



"This is one example of the attack I've faced after my submission to the Select Committee Petitions & Executive Undertakings. What makes this notable is that Premier Helen Zille was made aware of this and more at a meeting and via follow-up emails. Dr Martin Young was then a Democratic Alliance (DA) candidate, seemingly looking to make the party happy. Why did Zille, with my complaint of his criminality in her hand, allow him to become a Councillor? Surely the only answer is that the propaganda campaign and threats against me were condoned by the highest levels of the DA, that the DA will do anything to cover up corruption and protect the false image it projects to the public. The campaign against me was as extensive as it was horrendous, associating me with child abuse and a missing 9-year-old girl, and repeatedly attacking me through abuse of the courts. A true leader would've been angered, not complicit via inaction. A moral person would've been appalled."

- Mike Hampton (Knysna Activist)

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

I'm hoping that the cover page and the image headers in this document shock the Committee into the seriousness of my petition. The Democratic Alliance has abused its power and sought to harm me for exposing their corruption. Their campaign against me was severely escalated after my oral submission to you, NCOP's Select Committee on Petitions & Executive Undertakings.

However, whatever I've suffered cannot compare to what Knysna has suffered. To paraphrase Alan Paton, *'Cry the Beloved Town'*.

The future looks troubled too. Budget Manager Avita Sunkar, who arguably saved Knysna R50-million for the 2015/2016 financial year, has been suspended with pay since April 2016, seemingly the result of power struggles she wasn't part of, her crime possibly for having tried to do the right thing. Her continued absence is highly worrying considering that the budget for 2017/2018 is being finalised without her, the only person from the Administration who previously made a serious effort to save Knysna money.

The Knysna Municipality, as represented by Municipal Manager Grant Easton, sat before the Committee and lied to you last April. That then DA Mayor Georlene Wolmarans (now Speaker) and then DA Deputy Mayor Esme Edge sat there in support of him is damning in light of recent events which will be detailed to you later in this document.

It's tragic that I immediately sent the Committee detailed proof of their lies yet failed to get a response from you. That resulted in another year of misery with millions more of taxpayers' money lost.

The Knysna Municipality and the DA's deception is emphasised by the people involved in questionable situations with Easton pursuing an investigation and consequent disciplinary hearing against him. This past month of March 2017 found the R2-million cost to the public wasted by their acceptance of his convenient resignation and their convenient failure to lay criminal charges (something I'm pushing for, something they will be aware is a conflict of interest for themselves).

MUCH has happened since we last spoke. Our town has lost millions whilst our 'leaders' have maintained negative rule without consequence. A new DA faction has taken over but it's business as usual which means business *unusual*. The opposition parties continue to fail to act as opposition. It's a failure of our local democracy that friendships and cabals are more important than standing for what people voted for.

There's no one to turn to in our town, not the ACDP, ANC, COPE, KUC or, *especially*, the DA. All 21 councillors, as well as the lot that were booted out in the last election, are complicit for having failed to act as the Law requires. It's no surprise that both the DA and ANC suffered in August 2016, our town now ruled by coalition, a coalition that failed only 6 months later. The DA are now holding a disciplinary hearing against their recently ex-coalition partner, Velile Waxa, an ex-ANC Chief Whip turned 'independent'. I use the inverted commas as a question mark – it is strongly rumoured that the DA funded his election campaign (neither the DA or Waxa has denied that).

A wake-up call is needed. Rule and order must be restored for the sake of us citizens.



The Administration of the Knysna Municipality needs to be separated from the Council. National leadership needs to reestablish the identity of the local political parties. I state "national" because provincial leaders have repeatedly ignored my cries for help. The Western Cape must be made to realise that it is not a separate country but a province within South Africa.

Better leaders are required. The Public must be put first!

Consequently, I'm hoping that the Committee will understand that Knysna cannot be repaired without drastic intervention, recommending such action to the House.

**Foremostly, our town needs to be placed under administration.**

That'll likely be met with resistance so it's important to note that Local Government MEC Anton Bredell is implicated in the ISDF tender complaint and thus cannot be allowed to decide on that request whilst in conflict of interest.

The integrity of the Office of the Public Protector needs to be restored. Three and a half years ago, they failed to act on major complaints which is partly why those matters, Knysna Tourism and the ISDF tender, were brought to this Committee. The Public Protector must accept responsibility for their failure - it is undoubtedly awkward that one of their own requires investigation.

But Senior Investigator Gideon Landman, the new manager of the Eden District Office, is currently looking into many new complaints. For the sake of continuity and consequent hope for expediency, the Office of the Public Protector will likely need to be involved. Additionally, if we can't trust the Public Protector to correct its ship then who can we trust as the port of last call?

But better wise than naive to what has happened. For cooperation, as well as check and balance, it would be suitable for the investigative team to include SALGA.

Resulting criminal investigation must be expected. It's notable that the local SAPS were uncooperative, even hostile towards me. As notable is that the George Hawks previously, and illegally, failed to investigate. It would assist if a high ranking member of the SAPS' national leadership (non-Western Cape) would be instructed to communicate with me and, subsequently, send a representative to meet me.

I request that a ranking member of Legal Aid be instructed to meet me. It's notable that the district office failed to assist me. I can't help but feel that that's because this is DA land and no one I've encountered wants to get involved in matters involving DA wrongdoing. Alternatively, if within your power, a request to the Cape Bar would be appreciated.

My requests, detailed at the end of this document, are appropriate, not enormous. I will prove that in the following pages.

Firstly, I briefly recount what initially brought me to the Committee. Thereafter, I detail what has happened since. So as to remind the Committee of the negative forces I've been dealing with, I intersperse further quotes from those who have pretended bumfuzzlement whilst, in reality, opposed righteous investigation and duty to our Constitution.



**PRUDLY**

## **DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

"Ask him about his unnatural interest in children... especially boys! I have first hand proof of this in my own home."

**-Mark Allan**

How to get rid of an activist after he exposes Democratic Alliance crime? The DA decided to discredit Mike Hampton through fake profiles, real profiles and groups on social media. The worst actions were the repeated suggestion that he was a child abuser. This would damage his work taking poor children to see tourist attractions. The DA teamed up with Mark Allan, a man they knew Hampton had a protection order against. Allan's background was in the security and sex industry. Allan knew well how to use dirty propaganda.



As seen at [www.knysnakeep.org](http://www.knysnakeep.org)

## **2. SUMMARY OF INITIAL SUBMISSION TO COMMITTEE**

### **2.1 Corruption & Maladministration of Knysna Tourism:**

- 2.1.1. Knysna Tourism, a Section 21 company, fulfilled the tourism mandate of Knysna Municipality. The importance of this cannot be underestimated in our tourism-based economy.
- 2.1.2. Knysna Tourism only existed because of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Knysna Municipality who paid it more than R4-million of taxpayers' money annually, its primary funding, in the form of a grant-in-aid.
- 2.1.3. Councillors were on the Board of Directors. Then CFO Grant Easton (who would become Municipal Manager) and then Municipal Manager Lauren Waring (now working for the Drakenstein Municipality) approved payments to the organisation and were on it's sub-committees. They must accept responsibility for all that went wrong. They have refused to do so. Instead, some involved got rewarded with better positions i.e. Vogt became CFO and Edge became Deputy Mayor.
- 2.1.4. The organisation ran into debt 4 years in a row and was bailed out each time by the grant-in-aid - it's illegal to fund debt with public funds.
- 2.1.5. The grant-in-aid was the only grant-in-aid to not be approved through the Grant-in-Aid Committee i.e. a failure of Supply Chain Management.
- 2.1.6. A staff member had her trip to Jamaica paid for with the excuse that it was to help the local Rastafarians. They were not consulted and have received no benefit from the trip.
- 2.1.7. Two local businesses received loans, an illegal use of public funds.
- 2.1.8. Legally, the funding of Knysna Tourism should have been halted after its repeated failure to uphold its SLA. It wasn't.
- 2.1.9. For 2 years, the organisation ran without a CEO. The non-executive Chairperson of the failed Board acted as an executive Chairperson. He

was illegally paid as a consultant through a third party.

- 2.1.10. I protested against maladministration and corruption for years. Eventually, CEO Shaun van Eck was found guilty of 4 charges of gross misconduct (each a dismissable offence). Instead of punishment, he was given a R270 000 farewell handshake after signing a non-disclosure agreement.
- 2.1.11. MEC Tourism Alan Winde would not help. In fact, he seemed to act on behalf of the organisation. He met me after he rescued Premier Helen Zille from answering me at a public meeting. Winde then refused to hand over a copy of the recording of the meeting even though he'd said he would. He then continued to fail to act.
- 2.1.12. The organisation's name was changed to Knysna & Partners, the Chairman of the Board now officially the CEO, having been chosen before the name change by the same guilty directors who were on the Board with him.
- 2.1.13. It's preposterous (and possibly criminal) that the Public Protector's Bruce Wessel chose not to investigate.

## **2.2 ISDF Tender (initial tender for 30-year plan for Knysna):**

- 2.2.1. The Knysna Creative Heads (KCH) consortium, headed up by Chris Mulder, a locally based major property developer, was granted the initial tender to plan the future of Knysna.
- 2.2.2. The consortium had the most conflict of interest.
- 2.2.3. The consortium did not achieve the lowest price or highest score in the tender.
- 2.2.4. They came second despite having an unfair advantage in that prior to the tender advertisement, Mulder's private company, a partner in the consortium, was hired for an unnecessary Structure Plan that would fall under the ISDF.
- 2.2.5. Complainants were not afforded a hearing.
- 2.2.6. A detailed 29-page complaint was dismissed by Municipal Manager Lauren Waring.
- 2.2.7. Pressure from the public, particularly the work of Susan Campbell and with advertisement/protest from me, the ISDF was paused. With the town unable to proceed with development, Mayor Wolmarans eventually asked MEC Anton Bredell
- 2.2.8. MEC Alan Winde and MEC Anton Bedell failed to act after receiving the same complaint.
- 2.2.9. After eventual investigation, MEC Bredell would only provide a 10-point summary. It's so damning that the only conclusion one could logically draw was that the ISDF could not proceed under the Knysna Creative Heads consortium and that heads would roll. Instead, in total contrast to his findings, Bredell gave it the green light.
- 2.2.10. 6 months later, citizen Susan Campbell got the full report by Graham Pause [CMATS 2014/1631] through the Public Protector. The report clearly shows that Bredell acted against his own department's findings.
- 2.2.11. The report does not sufficiently address conflicts of interest by the tender awarders e.g. Manager Economic Development Ilse van Schalkwyk, who used to work for one of the companies in the consortium that was awarded the tender, chaired the Bid Evaluation Committee. Director Planning & Development Mike Maughan-Brown, along with Chris



Mulder, the chairman of Knysna Creative Heads, the winning bidder, had tried to change the urban edge of Knysna in 2005. At that stage, Maughan-Brown was also a property developer. No one on the committee signed a declaration of interest before assessing the bid.

2.2.12. Paulse's report is dated November 14 2014. Despite so much time having passed, the Knysna Council has failed to directly address it. I believe that's because the Council, particularly then Mayor Wolmarans, is liable.

2.2.13. Notably, Bredell's signature is on the report yet he gave the DA the green light for the ISDF tender.

### **2.3 Illegal Municipal Manager & Financial Irregularities:**

2.3.1. The appointment of CFO Grant Easton as Municipal Manager was pre-ordained. I predicted it before it was advertised, believing it was the only way they (a faction of municipal, staff and DA councillors) could maintain cover-up for past wrongdoings. The path to that was deceptive.

2.3.2. Easton never applied. The position of Municipal Manager initially found a white male winning the most points. The Municipality chose to readvertise, saying they wanted an equity candidate.

2.3.3. The second time round was utter contradiction - Easton, a white male, applied and won. He somehow beat a black candidate with a PHD in Public Administration.

2.3.4. He only spoke one language whereas the job was advertised as requiring two.

2.3.5. Although it has happened since my oral submission was heard by the Committee, during the shortlisting the Municipality failed to verify his qualification i.e. he was their choice no matter what. Notably, he was illegal in his previous position as CFO because he never held an accountancy degree.

2.3.6. In Council, Mayor Georlene Wolmarans withdrew her motion to appoint Easton as Municipal Manager until the full ISDF report was received from MEC Bredell. That clearly implied that Easton had to be cleared of wrongdoing. However, she lied because, at the next Council Meeting, she appointed him despite not receiving the report.

2.3.7. Easton then received more income than the prescribed limit.

2.3.8. As will be explained in the new evidence section, 16 months after his appointment as Municipal Manager, Easton was suspended and then quit during his expensive hearing which included several charges involved in matters mentioned in the Love Knysna petition.

2.3.8.1. ISDF tender and the fact that a cheque of almost half a million rand was prepared for the private contractor before the contract had been signed.

2.3.8.2. Local premium of 11->25% used in tender evaluation so as to dodge BEE. In one year alone, the loss to the taxpayer was R8-million, that in defiance of the Auditor General who warned him the previous year.

2.3.8.3. The private contractor receiving most of the work from the Electrical Department was the husband of the department manager, Manon McDonald. Rather than investigate and prosecute, Easton allowed it to continue until she was quietly allowed to get another job in the neighbouring DA-led George Municipality.

2.3.8.4. Irregularities involving the Nissan Juke tender, from the



- winner not being granted the tender to the documents going missing.
- 2.3.9. The cost to the public for the Senza/Cornuti's Ristorante debacle has risen, since my petition submission, from R4-million to R7-million. There is still no news on how any of that money will be recovered. The tenant will finally be forced to move at the end of this month.
- 2.3.10. The cost to the public for the possibly illegally awarded tender for the investigation into the Knysna Vehicle Testing Centre rose dramatically since my petition submission, from approximately R1.5-million to R3-million. The investigation concluded with zero prosecutions.

## **2.4 Unconstitutional Blocking of Communication:**

- 2.4.1. Approximately 60 people failed to deal with my complaints, these ranging from ranging from then Deputy Mayor Esme Edge and then Mayor Georlene Wolmarans to MEC Alan Winde, Premier Helen Zille and the Hawks (George). I gave proof that the DA had failed to respond. It seems impossible that so many people have failed to respond actively without there having been an order from high up, especially as the crisis deepened in the public eye.
- 2.4.2. Rather than address my complaints, then Speaker Eleonore Spies published a letter against me in the Knysna-Plett Herald. Much more has happened since such as her issuing another press release against me when she became Mayor. That will be detailed further in this document.
- 2.4.3. My emails were banned for years. I was met with similar negativity in person.
- 2.4.4. The Eden District Corruption line, run by KPMG, would not respond. It cannot be ignored that the DA controls the district, possibly setting up the line not for the sake of impartial clean governance but to find dirt on their opposition. That can only be contradicted if they don't respond to all complaints by other persons.
- 2.4.5. The DA's corruption reporting system on their website would not respond.
- 2.4.6. Helen Zille failed to respond to many emails and when I wanted to ask her questions at a public meeting, she displayed a file which she said was about me and threaten to embarrass me with it. I told her that I had nothing to hide and that she could go ahead so long as she would answer my questions. She wouldn't. MEC Alan Winde covered for her by stating that he would meet me the next day. The meeting was a sham. Nothing productive resulted and he repeatedly refused to hand over the recording of that meeting which suggested that he knew he would be found further culpable, having being made aware of corruption that he had no intention of acting against.
- 2.4.7. The DA sought to discredit me through the local newspaper, the Knysna-Plett Herald. Both Mayor Wolmarans and Deputy Mayor Edge have done so. An unprecedented 900-word open letter against me by Speaker Eleonor Spies, who then also refused to meet me, was published. The newspaper, against integrity and journalistic standards, wouldn't allow me to respond to the attack. The newspaper has repeatedly been in questionable situations that translates as them actively taking a side, from initially banning me for years to propaganda and refusing to report the the truth.
- 2.4.8. When Ingrid Erlank took over as Editor, and began publishing some stories about problems in the Municipality, the Municipality pulled their



advertising.

- 2.4.9. When the front page was finally going to be a critical piece on Knysna Tourism under Greg Vogt, the article was pulled and the newspaper release delayed by approximately 5 hours. Erlank stated to me that she had done so because she believed that a whistleblower who had approached her would be killed.
- 2.4.10. A few weeks thereafter, Erlank was forced out.
- 2.4.11. Her successor, Elaine King, has clearly taken a position against me, one that again favours the Knysna Municipality and DA.
- 2.4.12. The Knysna-Plett Herald would also publish Knysna a Municipality's press releases without stating that they were press releases, thus pretending they were articles which supplies false credibility.
- 2.4.13. A highly questionable, initially anonymously-run, Facebook group called Knysna Knews began. I would later prove that Advocate Julie Seton (a.k.a. Julie Lopes) and her spouse, then DA Deputy Mayor Esme Edge (a.k.a. Esme Jeffries) were the administrators. Anonymously authored press releases favoured the DA whilst seeking to discredit me. It was a serious propaganda campaign devoid of truth. They regularly associated with Mark Allan, a cyber troll who i have a Protection Order against (that the police, who are also not fans of my criticism, refused to uphold). DA members such as Councillor Mark Willemse and Councillor Louisa Hart can be found on there too.
- 2.4.14. More web pages would be set up against me, the propaganda becoming more vicious. I would go on to link them to the DA.
- 2.4.15. I am attacked by court cases I believe are meant to shut me up and destroy my life. They range from the Magistrates' Court to High Court. I have no money so it has been difficult for me. I've had to painfully learn law under pressure and on the go. Even in the lower courts, advocates have appeared against me.
- 2.4.16. The cases range from interim interdicts and harassment to crimen injuria and civil suites. The applicants include DA Deputy Mayor Esme Edge, ex-DA Councillor Richard Dawson, Knysna Tourism CEO Greg Vogt and DA branch manager Magda Moos. More cases against me originate from people associated with the same people. All had the DA and my allegations concerning Knysna Tourism corruption in common.

Please note that this is a summary in order to assist the committee. More details of the above, along with supporting evidence, can be found in my original petition that the Committee well-named the 'Love Knysna Petition'. I will also supply all court cases.

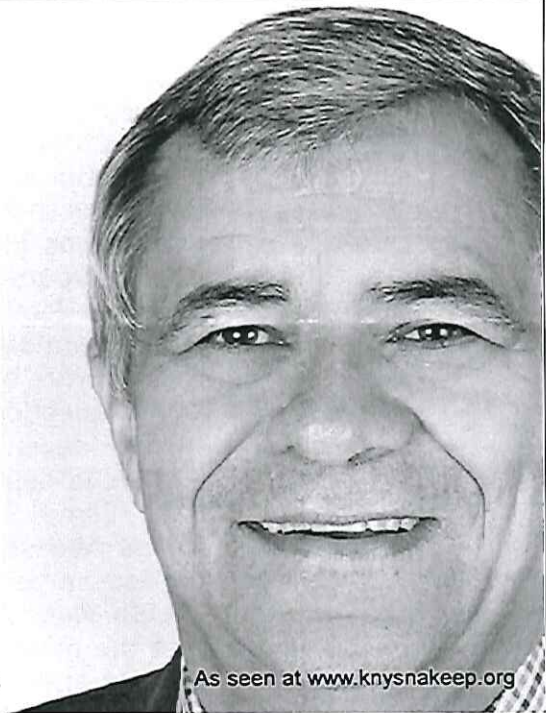
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## **DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

"His recent appeal for a child in need may also be a scam – a way to enrich himself...."

- Councillor Peter Myers lied on his Facebook regarding activist Mike Hampton. Hampton exposed DA corruption. The DA sought to discredit him. The ongoing theme was child abuse. All that Hampton did was ask his Facebook followers for help after citizens of Hornlee rescued a homeless teen. Whereas moral politicians may have offered help, they instead used it to try discredit the man who had discovered their party's dirty deeds. Despite Helen Zille and Jaco Londt being aware of the propaganda, Myers was then promoted to Deputy Mayor.



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### **3. EVIDENCE OF LIES TO COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 On March 16 2016, Knysna Municipality appeared before the Committee to respond to my allegations. The delegation consisted of then Mayor Georlene Wolmarans, then Deputy Mayor Esme Edge, then Communications Manager Christopher Bezuidenhout and then Municipal Manager Grant Easton. Accompanying them, in unofficial capacity, was Advocate Julie Seton.
- 3.2 Susan Campbell and myself were strangely not invited.
- 3.3 We have never been provided the Municipality's full evidence in support of their response but the response itself, as listened to via audio, was glaringly incorrect.
- 3.4 Before the meeting commenced, Susan Campbell had provide refutation regarding the ISDF tender and Municipal Manager appointment [LKP01].
- 3.5 Before the meeting commenced, I supplied refutation regarding Knysna Tourism and the blocking of communication [LKP02].
- 3.6 These are important documents yet weren't addressed by the Committee or included in that meeting. If they'd been given attention, I believe that the meeting would have been handled more productively.
- 3.7 On May 24 2016, I received the Committee's decision to delay their ruling until the Office of the Public Protector and Provincial Treasury had responded [LKP03].
  - 3.7.1. Despite numerous follow-ups, the Committee only seemed to make genuine effort to gain those response in March 2016.
  - 3.7.2. The delay was unfortunate in that, as already stated, the Public Protector hadn't investigated the ISDF, complaint and, as such, cannot provide any documentation to the Committee.
  - 3.7.3. Additionally, as also stated, the Public Protector didn't investigate



Knysna Tourism [LKP04a, LKP04b] based on the known lie by then Municipal Manager Lauren Waring that the Knysna Municipality had no controlling involvement in Knysna Tourism. This was supplied as evidence in my original complaint [KT12].

- 3.7.4. It is remarkable that Public Protector Bruce Wessels stated in his letter that Knysna Tourism was in the process of receiving advice to institute legal action against me. In the context of all that has happened, I consider that a threat.
- 3.7.5. In a letter to Greg Vogt, the CEO of Knysna Tourism, Wessels strangely stated, "I hope you can find a legal solution to the allegations constantly made by him." It is not for the Public Protector to wish action against a complainant [LKP05].
- 3.7.6. My complaints against the George Office of the Public Protector, initiated on May 29 2015 [LKP06], have been ignored.
- 3.7.7. What was gained via the Public Protector by Susan Campbell was Graham Paulse's report into the ISDF tender. This forms part of my original complaint to the Committee [ISDF4]. That shows that the investigation had been concluded by Local Government.
- 3.7.8. Susan Campbell's comments on Paulse's finding must be considered [ISDF4b].
- 3.7.9. I'm unaware of there having been any ongoing investigation by Treasury yet that's what the Western Cape Government claimed to the Committee. It needs to be determined if that was a subversive attempt to gain delay on the ruling regarding my petition.
- 3.7.10. In March 2017, the Committee received that report, allegedly a joint effort by Treasury and Local Government. It is important to note what steps were taken after Paulse's report and if action was initiated so as to justify delaying a ruling. Consequently, the dates when actions occurred are important.
- 3.7.11. As important is keeping in mind that MEC Local Government Anton Bredell is implicated regarding the ISDF and that it's possible for him to have undue influence on the process.
- 3.7.12. As at the time of writing this further submission to the Committee, Graham Paulse and Sune Griessel (Western Cape Provincial Representative of the Public Protector) have not granted my request for the documents that they've submitted to the Committee. It is disappointing that the institutions who should be enforcing transparency do not practice it themselves.

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I was repeatedly, negatively and falsely associated with missing child Liyema Baleni (9) . This was done via the comment sections on Knysna-Plett Herald's website and Knysna Knews' FB (DA-run). This was also done via posts on Protecting Brand Knysna which I proved was being run by Mark Allan and DA Councillor Dr Martin Young.



### **4. CHARGES AGAINST MUNICIPAL MANAGER GRANT EASTON**

- 4.1 On August 30 2016, Municipal Manager Grant Easton was suspended by the Knysna Council, pending disciplinary proceedings against him. This was only 5 months after they stood together before this Committee Petitions & Executive Undertakings.
- 4.2 The disciplinary hearing was in conflict of interest as the DA had long supported his decisions and allowed him to represent them, in their presence, to the Committee. With relation to facts stated in my petition, ex-Mayor now Speaker Georlene Wolmarans involvement is particularly questionable.
- 4.3 It's my belief that the best outcome for the DA, who I consider to be implicated with Easton, was for him to be forced to quit.
- 4.4 On March 15 2017, on the 6th day of his disciplinary hearing, and on the first day of him giving evidence, Easton resigned.
- 4.5 His resignation was accepted and it was agreed that he'd be paid until end April.
- 4.6 Subsequently, the Municipality stated in the Knysna-Plett Herald that the evidence against Easton was "overwhelming". After I pointed out that the Municipality had gone to the newspapers first before posting it on their own website, the Municipality uploaded it, confirming the word "overwhelming" [LKP07].
- 4.7 If "overwhelming", why had they not concurrently initiated criminal charges against him? Why did they agree to pay him March and April's salaries, approximately a quarter of a million rand, plus an earlier bonus considering that he may have to pay back money to the Knysna Municipality?
- 4.8 Fact is that none of the DA involved in these questionable situations have been investigated let alone charged.
- 4.9 The Municipality, now headed by Acting Municipal Manager Johnny Douglas (recommended to the position by MEC Bredell), has failed to respond to my



- request for the information about the disciplinary hearing which is estimated to have cost the public R2-million.
- 4.10 However, on arrival home one day, I found the charge sheet against Easton in an envelope that was squeezed into a crack in my front door. To date, I don't know who placed it there.
- 4.11 The Grant Easton Disciplinary Charge Sheet is a revealing document [LKPO8a->LKPO8f]. Summary hereto:
- 4.11.1. Unlawful Supply Chain Management and Procurement Procedures – enabled and allowed the continuous use of the local premium preference policy [which allowed tenderers to circumvent BEE].
- 4.11.2. ISDF Tender – Enabled the appointment of Knysna Creative Heads Consortium at a value of R2,749,338 in respect of a tender in an unlawful manner [the ISDF is the plan for the 3-year future of Knysna].
- 4.11.3. Unlawful Loan Agreements – On behalf of the Knysna Municipality, entered into two unlawful loan agreements with ABSA Bank Limited for the amounts of R17,301,600 and R1,720,000.
- 4.11.4. Misled Council in respect of disciplinary proceedings against Budget Manager Avitha Sunkar.
- 4.11.5. Failed to ensure the implementation of the commitments and recommendations from the Auditor General, in particular with regard to the tenders/contracts awarded to local suppliers based on a preferential premium not given to suppliers with the lowest price, causing irregular expenditure of R7,924,285.
- 4.11.6. In respect of Jam Electrical (a company owned by the husband of the Manager of the Electrical Department), an irregular expenditure of R1,133,234.
- 4.11.7. The arrogant and disrespectful statement to the Auditor General: *"With respect, it appears that the Auditor General is auditing on the basis of Regulation. If that is the case, then, in future, Knysna will resort to the meaningless performance system of tick boxes i.e. do a report regardless of the value or meaning of the report. That is not what performance management is about but if that is what the Auditor General wants and expects and audits then that is what you will get. Put bluntly, this approach adds nothing to service delivery but everything to compliance, and compliance is made up nonsense."*
- 4.11.8. Inappropriate personal relationship (i.e. an affair) with an employee in his department which, over an extended period of time, caused significant staff problems.
- 4.11.9. Inappropriate personal bias expressed to Susan Campbell in 2014 regarding a tender, to the effect that he would not, on behalf of the Municipality, "...do business with those Indians? I am sure Avitha got them involved."
- 4.11.10. Irregularities in respect of town planning approvals during or about July and/or August 2016 whilst Council was on holiday.
- 4.12 Points 4.9.1, 4.9.2, 4.9.5 and 4.9.6 have direct relevance to my petition and thus cast poor light on Knysna Municipality's response to the Committee.
- 4.13 The disciplinary hearing was the result of Susan Campbell's complaint although further charges were added by Knysna Municipality.
- 4.14 Campbell will not provide me her evidence but is willing to provide it to the Committee upon request. However, she has supplied the wording of her complaints which, together with the charges and previously submitted

- evidence, emphasises the gravity of the situation [**LKP09a, LKP09b**].
- 4.15 It must be remembered that the DA, led by Wolmarans, forced the appointment of Grant Easton as Municipal Manager.
- 4.16 It's imperative that further payments to Grant Easton be halted until there has been proper investigation.

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## **PROUDLY DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

The following are examples of the many posts and comments made against me on Facebook pages run by the Democratic Alliance (DA):

"If he was my son, I would hold his head in a bucket till the bubbles stop." - Mark Beard (prominent businessmen and DA supporter)

"We are doing what needs to be done to eliminate (Hampton)." - Protecting Brand Knysna FB page with DA Councillor Young as Admin

"If only the people of Knysna stop enabling him [Hampton], he will have to pack his bags and go!! Hopefully to a place far far from here." - SAPS Captain Dewald Kitching

Candace Myers (DA Deputy Mayor's wife): "#hamptonmustfall."

### **5. INTIMIDATION & SUPPRESSION**

- 5.1. The blocking of information continued after my oral submission to the Committee i.e. the respondents were disingenuous in committee.
- 5.2. The Knysna Municipality failed to appropriately respond to 20 PAIA requests. Most were ignored whilst a few are partially answered with the least sensitive information. Consequently, all those PAIA requests were passed on to the Office of the Public Protector. I await outcome.
- 5.3. After I exposed that new DA Mayor Eleonore Spies' friend and election campaigner, Fran Kirsten, was illegally hired, I had a meeting with Spies, Acting Municipal Carl Mattheus. Legal Advisers Melony Paulsen and Marilyn Botha, and Kirsten. Notably, Kirsten was previously a reporter for the Knysna-Plett Herald and contractor to Knysna Tourism.
- 5.4. Contrary to the cooperation that was promised in that meeting, Mayor Spies issued a press release against me [LKP10a] that was also published in the Knysna-Plett Herald [LKP10b] who wouldn't allow me fair response. It's possible that it was all a set-up, Spies' intention all along to have a meeting with me so as to support the lie that she's communicative and I'm uncooperative. My audio recording of our meeting proves her press release as a lie and propaganda [LKP10c]. Her press release was simply the continuation of the DA's campaign to discredit me
  - 5.4.1. Spies' was a repetitive and intentional action considering the previous open letter she published against me in the Knysna-Plett Herald [LKP11].
  - 5.4.2. Previously, the Knysna-Plett Herald published long, open letters against me by then intended DA Candidate Dr. Martin Young and Dr. Douglas Seton, brother of then intended DA Candidate Advocate Julie Seton [LKP12a]. That occurred only 15 days after my oral submission to the Committee. The newspaper wouldn't allow me to respond. The newspaper never interviewed me regarding my petition, the biggest news

- in town, but had published the Municipality's negative comments about it.
- 5.4.3. The same day Spies issued her press release, a horrendous propaganda campaign was run against me through social media, labelling me as a sociopath and associating me with child abuse. DA Councillor Dr. Martin Young, Mark Allan and Knysna Knews (Edge/Seton) were involved. That it happened the same time cannot be considered coincidental but rather intentional. Even after Facebook removed their posts, Knysna Municipality (Fran Kirsten) posted it again [LKP12b].
  - 5.4.4. The Knysna-Plett Herald again showed unfairness by refusing to publish an article about the propaganda campaign. Instead, they allowed some of the people involved to continue posting comments against me on the Knysna-Plett Herald Facebook page. Examples of the newspaper's negative actions and refusal to publish the truth will be evidenced further in this document.
  - 5.4.5. As an aspirant DA candidate, Dr Martin Young also released a press release against me, calling for me to be jailed and acting as if he were proud of his dark actions against me. Reposted on Protecting Brand Knysna, it was supported in the comment section by Manager Electrical department Manon McDonald, Advocate Julie Seton and businessman Mark Beard [LKP12c].
- 5.5. I am defamed and lied about through these main topics:
    - 5.5.1. That I am a danger to children.
    - 5.5.2. That I suffer from a psychological disorder, nominally sociopathy.
    - 5.5.3. That I damage the Knysna economy, waste public funds and waste government resources.
    - 5.5.4. That I work for the ANC or a third force.
    - 5.5.5. That I was fired from Knysna Tourism (and that my almost 6-year effort to gain justice is, instead, revenge).
  - 5.6. The main web pages against me were Knysna Knews, Hampton Factor, Protecting Brand Knysna (which was renamed Wicked Knysna), Knysna-Plett Herald and the personal/medical pages of DA Councillor Dr Martin Young. The main protagonists have been Young, ex-DA Candidate Advocate Julie Seton and businessman Mark Allan (whose linked to Knysna Tourism). Ex-Deputy Mayor Esme Edge must be included though she has never admitted to being an administrator of Knysna Knews (but I have proved such). There have been appearances and support by other politicians and municipal officials. Municipal contractors involved included marketers/copywriters Ashley Barnes (then a director of Magnetic Creative) and Martin Hatchuel (This Tourism Week/Barefoot Advertising).
  - 5.7. It is notable that DA politicians were happy to work with Mark Allan despite being aware of my protection order against him and that I had publicly exposed 10 of his fake, online identities [see Court Cases section or go to the 6-part online series at [www.knysnakeep.org/my-cyberstalker-mark-allan-part-1](http://www.knysnakeep.org/my-cyberstalker-mark-allan-part-1)].
  - 5.8. My court cases, which will be mentioned in more detail further on, provide convincing evidence of the propaganda campaign. There may be as many as half a thousand comments. They were dedicated to their nefarious action.
  - 5.9. Here are a few examples of comments against me online [LKP13, LKP14 - zip folders]:
    - 5.9.1. DA Councillor Martin Young (then candidate) emailed me: "You



- seem not to realize that you are in no position to negotiate. I'm surprised you even tried. We hold all the cards, and have all the power to make your life really and truly miserable."
- 5.9.2. Mark Allan, through most web pages involved, has associated me with a missing 9-year-old child, Liyema Baleni, and a separate murder. Regards the child, he also refers to me being ashamed of having had "black poenanie", which is worse than the suggestion of racism as it suggests, in the context of his other comments, that I raped a child whose gone missing.
  - 5.9.3. DA Councillor Peter Myers: "His recent appeal for a child in need may also be a scam – a way to enrich himself."
  - 5.9.4. DA Councillor Dr Martin Young: "As a medical doctor I know a parasite when I see one."
  - 5.9.5. Knysna Knews: "The man in our opinion needs either institutionalisation or incarceration."
  - 5.9.6. Baden Hall: "Campbell and Hampton deserve each other. I'm sure that there's communal facilities at Weskoppies."
  - 5.9.7. DA Councillor Dr Martin Young: "His traits are more like those of a cyberstalker than of an activist."
  - 5.9.8. DA Councillor Dr Martin Young: "He sure is a cyberstalker... Cyberstalkers try damage the reputation of their victim and turn other people against them. They post false information about them on websites."
  - 5.9.9. DA Councillor Dr Martin Young on Knysna-Plett Herald's Facebook: "Hampton – you are a walking, talking exercise in sociopathy and I am sure I can prove it. If legal action is necessary, i.e. if you force my hand, I will apply to the High Court for a court-ordered forensic psychological assessment on you to determine the basis of your behaviour – mentally and professionally, which is effectively to harass and bully people into supporting an agenda which has YOU as the primary beneficiary. This in my personal opinion is long overdue. Knysna does not need you, does not want you, and will not miss you. There never has been a DA agenda against you. The individuals who have taken you to court have done so in their personal capacities at their own cost. There are no propagandists against you – only people whom you can't handle because we/they disagree with you – and you won't permit disagreement on your sites. You are HURTING, not helping our town..."
  - 5.9.10. Knysna Knews: "One has to ask the question how does a person who probably requires psychological help ends up with such a following that the Sunday Times, not even a Iqbal Survé newspaper, actually quotes him."
  - 5.9.11. DA Councillor Esme Edge: "And [Hampton] cost us millions in tourism! While people are dying, his ego prevails."
  - 5.9.12. DA Candidate Julie Seton: "The person costing the ratepayers millions is Hampton."
  - 5.9.13. DA Candidate Julie Seton: "In my opinion the damage he has done to brand Knysna singlehandedly is horrendous."
  - 5.9.14. DA Councillor Georlene Wolmarans: "To date, his campaign has cost local ratepayers thousands..."
  - 5.9.15. DA Councillor Peter Myers: "Love Knysna' – by the way what a joke – he should actually call it Hate Knysna"
  - 5.9.16. DA Councillor Peter Myers: "It is now reasonable to conclude that

- the only reason that you [Hampton] continue with your allegations against the Knysna Municipality is to benefit from it commercially by generating more traffic to your site."
- 5.9.17. Mark Allan: "Hampton you have given nothing. You take, you consume, you destroy."
- 5.9.18. Candace Myers (Councillor Myer's wife and active DA constituent): "You [Hampton] are killing our town."
- 5.9.19. DA Councillor Dr Martin Young: he damages Knysna's brand considerably. That hurts everybody who lives here. Knysna Tourism gets R4 million a year to grow the brand - rates and tax money. Hampton destroys it for his own ends."
- 5.9.20. DA Councillor Martin Young: "Hampton's posts can cause ten times a negative effect, at a minute fraction of the cost, of the money and effort invested into Knysna Tourism - your money... Knysna's brand is damaged every time Hampton opens his mouth in his obsession against council, and you and I pay the price.... Hampton's negative publicity for Knysna will make fewer people come here on holiday, buy properties, retire here, invest in new businesses here, have their families visit here, have restaurant meals here, buy locally manufactured goods, and will cost jobs. This is exactly the opposite of what he claims to desire for Knysna..."
- 5.9.21. DA Councillor Dr Martin Young: "He damages Knysna's brand, not to the average visitor as much as to the serious investor in our future - new businesses, factories etc."
- 5.9.22. Knysna Knews: "We certainly do not endorse the actions of Hampton which have so damaged our town".
- 5.9.23. Knysna Knews: "...on the whim of an individual who has already cost this town hundreds of thousands of rands in wasted man hours, responding to vicious attacks, quite apart from the damage to brand Knysna together with the economic cost resulting from him."
- 5.9.24. DA Candidate Seton: "He is paying to boost his posts to destroy our town. please do not for one second think that he loves Knysna. The only reason he achieves 20000 views is because he is using uninformed donors money to pay to boost his posts, it is damaging our town to the extent we are losing massive investment and there is nothing amiss. I love the hashtag #hamptonmustfall."
- 5.9.25. Candace Myers (DA Deputy mayor's wife): "This must end #hamptonmustfall." In response, Advocate Seton responded with, "Agreed, #hamptonmustfall."
- 5.9.26. Knysna Knews: "Mike has singlehandedly destroyed brand Knysna and takes pride in it so he is destroying economic development and jobs. Stop supporting him if you love Knysna. Mike is bad #hamptonmustfall."
- 5.9.27. Knysna Knews: "...anything but good mike has singlehandedly destroyed brand Knysna and takes pride in it so he is destroying economic development and jobs. Mike is disasterous stop supporting him if you really love Knysna. Mike is bad #hamptonmustfall."
- 5.9.28. Carl Krim: "Attach his house. I'll buy it on auction and put a big DA flag on it."
- 5.9.29. Carl Krim: "Let's tie hum to a buoy in the Waterfront and offer eggs to anyone he's affected or offended. Such a pity we don't live in medieval times."
- 5.9.30. Mark Allan: "We are doing what needs to be done to eliminate



- him... I have been after him for 5 years."
- 5.9.31. Protecting Brand Knysna: "Descend to his level and use criticisms, degrading comments and humiliation."
- 5.9.32. Protecting Brand Knysna: "We are going to ask Knysna residents to crowdsource R50,000 for legal fees to put this problem [Hampton] away... see our protagonist do jail time."
- 5.9.33. Protecting Brand Knysna: "The reason this page exists, the reason why you are going to jail, is because you do not understand that you are not Knysna."
- 5.9.34. Protecting Brand Knysna: "We know why we are doing this, unpleasant as it is. We have consulted forensic psychologists for advice. Our goal is to see his (web)site closed down. It may get tougher and nastier. We don't pretend to be nice." Compare to the words in Young's press release in next point... (i.e. it was him).
- 5.9.35. Councillor Dr. Martin Young: "I welcome his 'expose' of my 'behind the scenes' attempts to quieten him. These have been done according to recommendations of expert psychiatrists and forensic psychologists."
- 5.9.36. It's shocking that even SAPS Captain Dewald Kitching commented on Knysna Knews that: "If only the people of Knysna stop enabling him [Hampton], he will have to pack his bags and go!! Hopefully to a place far far from here."
- 5.9.37. It must be noted that the Knysna SAPS leadership has a poor relationship with me after I reported on questionable situations, including the framing of one of their own offices. Regards a possible murder, I had police looking for me so as to beat me up. That and the lack of communication resulted in a letter to then Station Commander Colonel Atwell Metu, a meeting (with Erlank, the Editor of the newspaper as a witness) and a newspaper article expressing the SAPS' commitment to communication (which has failed to happen in the two years since) **[LKP14b, LKP14c]**.
- 5.10. I laid a complaint with the Cape Bar against Advocate Julie Seton. Councillor Young went the extra dark distance by compiling a 5-page psychiatric diagnosis of me as a sociopath, used as evidence in her defence **[LKP15]**. There is no doubting the illegality of it. He is an ear, nose and throat doctor. He isn't a psychiatrist. I have never been his patient. He has never even had a conversation with me (despite me having invited him). He is willing to abuse his 'doctor' title for the DA's benefit and their subsequent propaganda campaign against me.
- 5.11. I was twice served inappropriately which could only have happened if the Sheriff's Office had been complicit, most likely with Seton as further intimidation. Note that both times I was supposed to be served at my home address but that there was no attempt to do so or contact me to find out where I was.
- 5.11.1. I was served as I was coming out of a Council Meeting at the Knysna Municipality. Seton was caught off-guard and red-handed by her expression as she stood with two sheriffs on the other side of the door. I was being served on behalf of her spouse, Deputy Mayor Esme Edge. I assume the goal was to try humiliate me in public.
- 5.11.2. The second serving was on behalf of DA Branch Manager Magda Moos and friend of the Mayor. I was served upstairs in the Knysna Magistrates' Court before Moos and I were to see the Magistrate in his chambers. Seton was representing Moos so one or the other must have



- called the Sheriff.
- 5.12. It must be highlighted that matters bringing the DA into disrepute are not brought to Council by the councillors.
- 5.12.1. My complaints against councillors are ignored.
- 5.12.2. As far as I'm aware, my petition and the Municipality's participation, as forced by the Committee has never been mentioned. It should also be noted their repeated arrogance and public contempt for the Committee and Parliament **[LKP16 – zip folder]**:
- 5.12.3. A major example of deliberate avoidance is my 'Elephants in the Room' **[LKP17a]** complaint to the Knysna Council which was delivered and signed for on behalf of all 21 councillors **[LKP17b]**. There has been no response for 8 months despite its serious topics:
- 5.12.3.1. Knysna's hiring of Wayne Sternsdorf, a white, Cape Town fireman who allegedly put a rope around a black cadet's neck and making him act like a dog.
- 5.12.3.2. The DA's propaganda campaign against me.
- 5.12.3.3. The failure to address my Parliament complaint in Council.
- 5.12.3.4. A forensic report indicating that the Mayor Spies' partner, Rowan Spies, now a district councillor, was involved in bribing municipal officials for a tender.
- 5.12.4. I don't consider it coincidental that Fireman Sternsdorf, whose neighbours include Advocate Seton, her spouse ex-Deputy Mayor Esme Edge (aka Jeffries) and Deputy Mayor Peter Myers, has taken me to court, requesting a protection order against me His action is made ironic by my considering it part of the continued harassment against me. His action is supported by the Municipality. The City of Cape Town, including Patricia de Lille, have been unhelpful in providing evidence **[see court cases paragraph further down]**.
- 5.13. Complaints were made to DA Eastern Region Manager Jaco Londt who was met in person and contacted via email many times thereafter **[LKP18a->LKP18f & LKP18g]**.
- 5.14. Complaints were made to Premier Helen Zille and her assistants via email. I met Zille in person and contacted via thereafter **[LKP19a1->LKP19e4]**.
- 5.15. The block-out has been so total that Zille never even responded to me supplying her the criminal record of beleaguered Oudtshoorn's ANC Mayor **[LKP19e5]**.
- 5.16. I contacted many other people outside of Knysna, including Mmusi Maimane, James Selfe, Treasury, Local Government, Eden District etc. I enclose 90 examples **[LKP20 – zip folder]**. Notably:
- 5.16.1. January 17 2016 (labelled as 2017.01.20) finds 7 read receipts from Maimane in one day i.e. many of my emails were read which means there was deliberate intention to retrieve them i.e. awareness and consequent complicity. I've also emailed both his personal assistants, Riley Wakeford and Janine Schouw, and spoken to the former on the telephone. There were read receipts as far back as May 2015. There has never been response.
- 5.16.2. The DA's Shadow Minister of State Security Lennit Max strangely said it was out of his mandate and that I should "*approach the law-enforcement agencies as it appears according to your interpretation criminal in nature*". That's twisted talk. As an advocate and former Provincial Police Commissioner of the Western Cape, he would



understand the severity of the implication as well as the constitutional need for him to report it, not avoid it. The same month, after several emails and a call with me, he hypocritically posted on the Knysna DA's Facebook page: *"Dear Colleagues. I've spent the last few weeks travelling the province connecting with many DA structures and public representatives. I am truly amazed by the great work my colleagues are doing around the Western cape. I will continue to visit you, my Colleagues. I would also like to invite all my Colleagues to connect with me via Facebook, Email, WhatsApp, SMS or Telephonically. This will also provide me with an opportunity to follow you and stay abreast of all the good things you are doing around our province. #ConnectWithLennitMax"*

- 5.16.3. Geordin Hill-Lewis, in 2011, was one of the earliest DA people I spoke to regarding my Knysna Tourism complaint [LKP21a, LKP21b]. At that stage, he was Zille's Chief of Staff. This year, as an MP, he responded with, *"If you send me further emails like these, I will add your address to my spam list,"* and in another email, *"I did ask you to remove me from this tiresome mailing list. I have now added your address to my junk-mail list."*
- 5.16.4. On December 18 2016, DA MP MacKenzie stated that he had forward my complaints about Zille and child abuse propaganda to DA Federal Executive and James Selfe as Chairperson.
- 5.17. My complaints to Knysna Municipality and the Knysna Council have been exhaustive, beginning 6 years ago. I went from polite to angry. The Municipality has been known to use my earlier emails as 'evidence' against me, claiming that I'm unreasonable, leaving out the fact they they lied to me and have never answered my main questions. History has proven me right and them wrong, our town having suffered for it. Rather than supply hundreds of emails (and also because i'm under pressure to submit this), I show a few examples of my emails, the vast majority unanswered [LKP22 – zip folder].
- 5.18. The Knysna Municipality's response is normally nothing but when it exists it's propaganda. As this document shows, that's been done against me by Mayor Wolmarans, Mayor Spies, Deputy Mayor Myers and Councillor Young. In 2016, I wanted to celebrate Fool's Day meaningfully. I wrote a press release as if I were Knysna Municipality. In it, I pretended to be the DA, saying what they should be saying i.e. cooperation. In between, I added in truths such as their attitude to this Committee of Parliament. I believe that Knysna Municipality may be unique in that they issued a press release against my positive parody. You need to read it to believe it [LKP23a->c]. They implied legal action by naming it 'libellous'. They tried to give it authority by quoting an anonymous "local media consultant". It's no coincidence that the DA pages that had been used to attack me jumped on their bandwagon, Knysna Knews (Advocate Seton/Deputy Mayor Edge) stating that I should be sued for copyright infringement for using the Municipality's logo. Maybe, most importantly, the Municipality has not revealed who wrote that press release (in light of my belief that they'd hired contractors to write against me) [LKP23d].
- 5.19. A campaign by DA supporters, including Councillor Young, was run in an attempt to get my Love Knysna readers to unsubscribe. They were sent emails implying that they could face court action for supporting me [LKP24].
- 5.20. I was banned from the DA's Facebook page for asking a question about the illegal ISDF tender. In fact, 3 of my questions were deleted before



- banning me, each deleted before the next asked. The DA then tried to justify my banning with two out of context posts. Although they didn't use my name, it's obvious to regular readers and the DA that it was me. Previously, they had deleted comments by citizens (who I have no relationship with) criticising the DA's propaganda campaign against me. I can't state her involvement but Candace Myers, the Deputy Mayor's wife, is one of the administrators of the page [LKP25a->LKP25i]
- 5.21. Under Fran Kirsten (Mayor Spies' friend who was illegally appointed Communications Manager), I was temporarily and unjustifiably banned from the Knysna Municipality's Twitter and Facebook pages. However, my cyberstalkers were allowed to speak against me [LKP26].
  - 5.22. On January 26 2017, Fran Kirsten threatened to have me arrested for taking photos in the tea room during a Council intermission. Acting Municipal Manager Johnny Douglas acknowledged my complaint but has failed to act for 2 months [LKP27].
  - 5.23. The Citizen, supplied by the Knysna-Plett Herald, ran an out of context, defamatory video clip of the DA chanting against me at Zille's public meeting in Knysna [LKP28a, LKP28b]. If anything, the local DA leadership should have been criticised for their childishness or for Zille's bodyguards trying to intimidate me whilst I was seated. I believe that the DA's goal was to pretend to be reasonable whilst ensuring that my questions remained unanswered. I do not consider it coincidence that I was chosen first to answer. They expected me to arrive. The DA intended dismissing me as soon as possible but failed. What the video does prove is that Zille was going to meet me after the meeting (which she did). The subsequent emails are already in evidence.
  - 5.24. I consider the media coverage as propaganda because context wasn't provided nor my side of the story asked for. The Knysna-Plett Herald also ran a negative piece against me and, only after I publicly criticised their bias, a second, larger piece. They did not contact me for comment nor ask me what my meeting with Zille was about. They also chose to ignore the 4-page flyers I handed out at the meeting, received by both the reporter and Zille:
    - 5.24.1. Listed major problems [LKP29a]
    - 5.24.2. DA Candidate Martin Young's propaganda/threats [LKP29b]
    - 5.24.3. Forensic report on DA Candidate Rowan Spies [LKP29c]
    - 5.24.4. Why Helen Zille ignoring Knysna? [LKP29d]
  - 5.25. However, I *recorded the meeting* so can provide the full picture which includes Helen Zille denying there was anything wrong at Knysna Tourism [LKP29e]. It is obvious that I never gained meaningful answers from Zille or Myers, and that Zille committed herself to a small degree (yet lied as she has done nothing since).
  - 5.26. I have believed, for years, that the Knysna-Plett Herald has been in the pocket of the Knysna Municipality and a DA faction that included Easton and other staff. What I've mentioned above only scratches the surface of all that has happened against honesty and me [LKP30a, LKP30b – zip folders].
  - 5.27. It is incredibly difficult to get any media to report on the Democratic Alliance. The problem is so pervasive that bias must be considered. Another factor, according to one reporter, was that they've been instructed to try not get sued since court costs were crippling. Although no investigative reporting has taken place, I must nod to the few who have mentioned our troubles [and it must be noted that the DA cannot claim to be unaware of



- what's happening]:
- 5.27.1. Newspapers [LKP31a->LKP31i]. Note the propaganda comments by Mark Allan [LKP31e].
  - 5.27.2. I have also been interviewed on RSG, SFM and Corruption Busters on ChaiFM [LKP31c].
  - 5.27.3. My activism presence was helped by the Fox Crime channel documentary, *Cocaine Captains* (I was interviewed simply because the producer could find no one in Knysna willing to speak about our SAPS) [LKP31j].
  - 5.27.4. My own efforts are further proof that the DA can never claim to be unaware (the majority of my blogging was regards Knysna issues and questionable DA politics) [LKP32a->LKP32c]:
    - 5.27.4.1. [www.KnysnaKeep.org](http://www.KnysnaKeep.org) - 759,420 page views.
    - 5.27.4.2. [www.news24.com/user/wickedmike](http://www.news24.com/user/wickedmike) - 248,937 page views.
    - 5.27.4.3. [www.facebook.com/loveknysna](http://www.facebook.com/loveknysna) - the power of Facebook is far greater than the mentioned websites. I currently have 9,823 subscribers with over 2000 from Cape Town, the DA's seat of power. A single joke post gained, alone, the record of 190,000 views whereas my post about the ISDF (Mayor Wolmarans and MEC Bredell gained 100,000).
    - 5.27.4.4. I've attached 28 of my articles as further proof that I was presenting problematic issues loudly to the public [LKP33 - zip folder].
  - 5.28. Although not all got to court, the following is the list of legal actions against me:
    - 5.28.1. DA Deputy Mayor Esme Edge (Interim Order High Court)
    - 5.28.2. DA Deputy Mayor Esme Edge (Interdict Order High Court)
    - 5.28.3. DA Deputy Mayor Esme Edge (Contempt of Court High Court)
    - 5.28.4. DA Councillor Richard Dawson (Interim Order High Court)
    - 5.28.5. DA Councillor Richard Dawson (Interdict Order High Court)
    - 5.28.6. CEO Knysna Tourism Greg Vogt (Crimen Injuria)
    - 5.28.7. CEO Knysna Tourism Greg Vogt (Protection Order)
    - 5.28.8. DA Branch Manager Magda Moos (Crimen Injuria)
    - 5.28.9. DA Branch Manager Magda Moos (Protection Order)
    - 5.28.10. DA Branch Manager Magda Moos (Civil Claim R100 000)
    - 5.28.11. DA Candidate Julie Seton aka Lopes (Protection Order)
    - 5.28.12. DA Candidate Julie Seton aka Lopes (Criminal Charge)
    - 5.28.13. DA Candidate Julie Seton aka Lopes (Criminal Charge)
    - 5.28.14. Tourism CEO supporter Baden Hall (Crimen Injuria)
    - 5.28.15. Tourism CEO supporter Mark Allan (Civil Claim R100 000)
    - 5.28.16. Knysna Municipality Fire Station Commander Wayne Sternsdorf (Interim Order)
    - 5.28.17. Knysna Municipality Fire Station Commander Wayne Sternsdorf (Protection Order)
  - 5.29. The people involved all relate to the DA and Knysna Municipality:
    - 5.29.1. Dawson was a Director of Knysna Tourism/DA Speaker.
    - 5.29.2. Edge was a Director of Knysna Tourism/DA Deputy Mayor.
    - 5.29.3. Seton, Edge's spouse, applied to be a Director of Knysna Tourism and became a DA Candidate Councillor.
    - 5.29.4. Vogt was the Chair of the Board of Directors of Knysna Tourism and is currently its CEO.
    - 5.29.5. Moos was at the meeting with Myers, Winde and me - it contained several issues, fore-mostly Knysna Tourism and the ISDF. Moos' daughter

- works for the Knysna Municipality. Her daughter is best friends with Speaker Wolmarans' daughter. Moos was the DA Branch Manager for Concordia.
- 5.29.6. Hall and Allan were friends of the ex-CEO of Knysna Tourism, Shaun van Eck (CEO whilst the others were Directors). Hall worked for KnysnaFM, a radio station that was friends with Eck and whose owner speaks against me behind my back. When Allan emigrated to Thailand, Allan gave/or/sold his FindIt business to Knysna Tourism.
- 5.29.7. Sternsdorf is the neighbour and friends of Edge and Seton. He is the Fire Station Commander of Sedgfield which falls under the Knysna Municipality.
- 5.30. Seton, who is an advocate, has, in some way, been involved in all their cases except Hall's (at least as far as I know because I have never seen the SAPS docket but suspect her and her spouse, Edge, may have given statements).
- 5.31. I am a poor man and have no legal training. It was very hard to defend myself against this flood of court cases. Initially, I lost:
- 5.31.1. Edge gained an interim order and, for one blog I published, I received a 3-month sentence, suspended for 3 years, for contempt of court. The cumulative time in court, on 3 days, was no more than 6hrs. I consider the outrageous R267,000 bill to have been intimidation too. There was an R87,000 charge just for reading my blog. It isn't coincidental that Carl Jeppe was the instructing attorney. He has played the same role for all the cases wherein Seton has appeared against me (however, I believe that he has only allowed Seton to use his letterhead, that he in fact has prepared none of the cases against me).
- 5.31.2. Vogt gained a protection order.
- 5.31.3. Moos gained a protection order.
- 5.31.4. Seton gained a protection order.
- 5.32. Court cases in my favour:
- 5.32.1. Dawson dropped his case.
- 5.32.2. I gained a protection order against Mark Allan.
- 5.32.3. I won a rescission of judgement preventing the Sheriff attaching my belongings on behalf of Mark Allan who was represented by Advocate Julie Seton who claimed to be instructed by Attorney Carl Jeppe.
- 5.32.4. I gained a protection order against Advocate Julie Seton a.k.a Julie Lopes.
- 5.32.5. I won the right to appeal the Seton and Vogt case but have not had the money to proceed.
- 5.32.6. I intend appealing all that I lost because:
- 5.32.6.1. Edge case – I had no evidence submitted so could not defend myself. I briefly had representation but that became problematic when my Attorney Hardy Mills was disbarred. Additionally, he hadn't worked on the case. Furthermore, shortly before, he told me that we'd been offered a bribe from the DA but wouldn't tell me who had offered it. I was, of course, uninterested. I cannot prove that this happened as this was a verbal conversation in the garden where I lived in Gray Street, Knysna. Nevertheless, this was the offer (they mistakenly saw him as the greater threat to them than me):
- 5.32.6.1.1. R20,000p/m in business to me from the Knysna Municipality for as long as the DA were in power.
- 5.32.6.1.2. R100,000p/m in business to my attorney from the



- Knysna Municipality for so long as the DA were in power.
- 5.32.6.2. Seton case – The Magistrate ignored most of my detailed evidence, not mentioning it or the political aspect in her judgement. The Magistrate also refused me witnesses and wouldn't even allow us to go into court on record. Case was done via her chambers and email.
  - 5.32.6.3. Moos case - The Magistrate ignored most of my detailed evidence, not mentioning it or the political aspect in his judgement which was brief and unsubstantial. The Magistrate ignored that Moos had committed perjury.
  - 5.32.6.4. Vogt case - The Magistrate, from out of town, dismissed my 72-page affidavit, saying it was incorrectly formatted. He then dismissed hundreds of pages of evidence because there was 'no affidavit' referring to it. He then found me guilty on the balance of probabilities because I 'had no evidence'. It felt like a set-up.
- 5.33. I believe that our Magistrate system is questionable and I'll eventually challenge it. I believe that true investigation of my complaint will lead in that direction.
  - 5.34. The fireman case is ongoing, next court date set for May 18 2017. There are notably three lawyers against me and an advocate as a witness i.e.
    - 5.34.1. Sternsdorf represented by Adele Smit.
    - 5.34.2. Witness Edge represented by Colleen Nel (Foley-Nel Attorneys).
    - 5.34.3. Witnesses Knysna Municipality Director Dawie Adonis and Fire Chief Clint Manuel represented by Donald Curtis (Mosdell, Pama & Cox).
    - 5.34.4. Witness Advocate Seton representing herself.
  - 5.35. I doubt our town's Lower Court has ever had that happen for a harassment case. I am representing myself.
  - 5.36. I have provided the Committee's Content Supervisor Mimmy Gondwe access to all the court documents. However, as that will be voluminous and involve repetition considering the association of the protagonists, I wish to point out the most valuable reads (as separately labelled evidence):
    - 5.36.1. My affidavit in the Vogt case (that the Magistrate suspiciously wouldn't consider) will be exceptionally helpful regarding the Knysna Tourism issue [LKP34].
    - 5.36.2. My affidavits in the Seton case which I won (intimidation) [LKP35].
    - 5.36.3. My complaint to the Cape Bar against Advocate Seton for misconduct which includes intimidation, abuse of the courts and perjury (that is ongoing) [LKP36].
    - 5.36.4. I include Vogt and Seton's responses for fairness and context.
  - 5.37. It's notable that none of the people involved (nor the Municipality and Councillors) would provide answers to the questions I was asking regards possible corruption yet their people were in court to seemingly try stop my repeated questioning.
  - 5.38. The DA has said that the cases were in the individuals' capacities and thus not their concern. Considering the facts of my petition, it's reasonable to consider that the courts are being abused, all of these actions acting as gag orders i.e. trying to shut me whilst burdening my time and costs.
  - 5.39. It also cannot be seen separate to the DA and Municipality refusing to accept my complaints against their nefarious actions.
  - 5.40. Councillor Dr Martin Young went door to door to businesses asking them not to deal with me and to donate money to put me in jail. His emails, already in evidence, will verify this. I also caught him, in person, doing it, at

- Louis' Restaurant. He was unrepentant, even boastful.
- 5.41. This persecution has been ongoing. A 2013 email from Candace Myers, the wife of Peter Myers who would later become the Deputy Mayor, stated that: *"I have it on good authority that the DA are actively trying to get you out, by whatever means possible - again, I'm sure no big news to you. I just can't believe the scale of it. What I am surprised about, is the amount of fear involved. People are petrified to stand up."* [LKP37].
- 5.42. I'm deeply concerned about the status of the integrity of the following bodies/organisations that didn't investigate (with no valid reason offered):
- 5.42.1.1. Public Protector - Investigator Bruce Wessels (and why his successor and bosses haven't investigated my complaint against him) [LKP38a->q].
  - 5.42.1.2. The Hawks - Knysna Tourism (105/05/2015) and the ISDF tender (106/05/2015). Instead of investigating, as required by law, they simply handed the cases to an unnamed prosecutor who provided no reason why he wouldn't prosecute the Knysna Tourism case. No mention was made about the ISDF. Their failure happened after the local SAPS fraud investigator told me that he'd requested the Hawks treat my case as 'organised crime' [LKP39a-c->].
  - 5.42.1.3. Prosecutor [LKP40a->e].
  - 5.42.1.4. Eden District Anti-Corruption Hotline run by KPMG. They were contacted twice. The second reference number is T35444. They have failed to act despite my follow-ups.
  - 5.42.1.5. National Anti-Corruption Hotline [LKP41].
  - 5.42.1.6. DA Anti-Corruption web page [LKP42].
  - 5.42.1.7. COGTA Anti-Corruption email 2015 and 2016 [LKP43].
  - 5.42.1.8. Auditor General - Morgan Nhiwatiwa met me and Susan Campbell in 2014. He was provided detailed information on Knysna Tourism, ISDF tender and T20 tender. I show evidence of contact rather than duplicate evidence given [LKP44a->e].
  - 5.42.1.9. Corruption Watch [LKP45]
  - 5.42.1.10. Legal Aid won't represent me, providing no valid reason.
- 5.42.2. Despite my story obviously being massively in the public interest (and involving catchy topics and major figures), newspapers such as these wouldn't report on it despite my repeated attempts:
- 5.42.2.1. Sunday Times
  - 5.42.2.2. Mail & Guardian/amaBhungane
  - 5.42.2.3. GroundUp
  - 5.42.2.4. Noseweek
  - 5.42.2.5. Thought Leader
  - 5.42.2.6. Die Son
  - 5.42.2.7. Huffington Post
  - 5.42.2.8. SABC (I laid complaint and a staff member surprisingly agreed that the George office of the SABC is likely biased to the DA).
- 5.42.3. I reserve my biggest disappointment for the local Knysna-Plett Herald (Editor Elaine King) and Group Editors (Director Nicole Moolman now Rimbault) which owns them. I believe that they have played a role in a nefarious agenda that damaged our town whilst they earned advertising revenues. This must become part of the larger investigation.
- 5.43. It would appear that the DA is favoured in a massive way, locally and provincially, and via media nationally.



# PROUDLY DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

The following are examples of the threats to jail me:

"We will see Hampton do jail time" - DA Councillor Dr Martin Young.

"We are going to ask Knysna residents to crowd source R50,000 for legal fees to put this problem [Hampton] away... see our protagonist do jail time.." - Protecting Brand Knysna FB page with Councillor Young, Mark Allan and others administrators of the page.

"I am in the process of laying criminal charges."  
- Advocate Julie Seton in her defence papers to the Cape Bar.



## 6. URGENCY & THE DAMAGE DONE

### 6.1 Grant Easton (Municipal Manager)

- 6.1.1. Resigned during his disciplinary hearing in March 2017. His municipal expiry date is end April 2017.
- 6.1.2. Easton has a Scottish passport. It's possible that he'll leave the country as ex-Director Planning Mike Maughan-Brown did. The latter was needed for questioning regards the ISDF tender and more. Easton needs to be questioned about a lot more.
- 6.1.3. Easton should have criminal charges instituted against him yet the Municipality is allowing him to leave after the disciplinary process has cost the public R2-million.
- 6.1.4. Easton's resignation deal will gain him an April salary and past bonuses. This needs to be paused until he has been cleared through external investigation i.e. he may have to pay money back.

### 6.2 Dawie Adonis (Director Community Services)

- 6.2.1. Since September 2016, the Knysna Municipality and Council has failed to act on my complaint that he is unqualified for his position and consequently illegal.
- 6.2.2. I have an unanswered complaint with the Knysna Municipality for Adonis' house being possibly undervalued on the Valuation Roll.
- 6.2.3. I currently have a complaint with the Public Protector against Adonis for alleged graft.
- 6.2.4. Adonis was recently made Chairperson of the Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC). His holding of that position is illegal considering the MFMA stating that:
  - 6.2.4.1. "Prohibition on the employment of new financial and supply chain management officials not meeting minimum competency levels-18. (1) No municipality or municipal entity may, with effect 1 January 2013, employ a person as a financial official or supply chain

management official if that person does not meet the competency levels prescribed for the relevant position in terms of these Regulations." Note that the competency levels include the Academic Qualification (the new exemption applies only to MMC Unit Standards and not academic qualifications).

- 6.2.5. That's latest contemptuous move by the Knysna Municipality is greatly concerning considering the many tenders involving construction that relate to Adonis' directorate.
- 6.2.6. Legal Adviser Meloney Paulsen and Speaker Wolmarans are complicit in trying to hide Adonis' lack of qualifications [LKP46a, LKP46b].
- 6.2.7. Supply Chain Management is severely compromised, open to legal challenge by any tenderer who fails to win an award.

### **6.3 Avitha Sunkhar (Budget Manager, Finance Department)**

- 6.3.1. Avitha Sunkhar arguably saved Knysna R50-million in 2015/2016 when she became the first Finance Department employee to ask the Council to go through the budget line-by-line. Her request was granted, leading to late night sessions with several councillors. Her eventual 'reward' was suspension.
- 6.3.2. Sunkhar may be suffering from severe prejudice as a result of political faction power plays.
- 6.3.3. She has been suspended with pay for one year, since April 2016, as budget 2016/2017 was being worked on. The cost of her pay to the public must be considered as fruitless and wasteful expenditure.
- 6.3.4. Her suspension was the result of complaints by CFO Pariksha Gobrie and Municipal Manager Grant Easton. Both complainants have left the Municipality yet she remains suspended.
- 6.3.5. An opposing argument is that she was punished for being a whistleblower and that even the DA people who supported her no longer want her back since they came into power and, in turn, have split into two new factions.
- 6.3.6. Activist Susan Campbell claims that the motive is in response to Sunkhar exposing irregularities regarding Tenders T27 and T60.
  - 6.3.6.1. T27 involved the hiring of a contractor for the Finance Department. It was then awarded despite Sunkhar's objection.
  - 6.3.6.2. Sunkhar recalculated the T60 tender after it was awarded, finding that the wrong bidder had been awarded. Her evidence was ignored by Easton.
- 6.3.7. The 2017/2018 budget is being finalised without her. It will be voted on end May 2017.
- 6.3.8. Bigger than the sum of my petition may be irregular expenditure. This has been found in large amounts by the Auditor General. Sunkhar will be useful in answering why that situation existed under Easton.

### **6.4 Investigation Made More Difficult/Expensive By Departures Which May Continue:**

- 6.4.1. CFO quit.
- 6.4.2. Director Planning & Development quit.
- 6.4.3. Director Corporate Services quit.
- 6.4.4. Municipal Manager quit.

### **6.5 Johnny Douglas:**

- 6.6 Under recommendation from MEC Bredell, Douglas is currently the Acting Municipal Manager.
- 6.7 It's worrying that it was known to be the intention of the DA to have him



appointed as Municipal Manager even before he arrived in Knysna to be the Acting Municipal Manager.

6.8 He recently had his 3-month contract renewed.

6.9 In March 2017, when the Council were to discuss advertising the position, he left the room owing to conflict of interest, proving that he intends applying.

6.10 Douglas was previously Knysna's Municipal Manager. The DA paid him to leave before his contract expired. They have never explained why. By Bringing him back, they turn his payment of over R1-million into fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

6.10.1. Douglas is friends with Speaker Georlene Wolmarans and was Municipal Manager under DA Mayor Spies when she was the ANC's Mayor.

6.10.2. Douglas has continued the practice of being unhelpful. He has been unwilling to investigate my complaints and fulfill my PAIA requests which includes asking why a company that won the tender to appoint directors was disqualified.

6.10.3. The Municipality has been unwilling to answer my PAIA request regarding Douglas (since November 2016)[LKP47].

#### **6.11 Public Protector:**

6.11.1. One of the reasons for my petition was the failure of the Public Protector to investigate Knysna Tourism and the ISDF tender. Whilst the Committee delayed for one year, I uncovered more maladministration and corruption which I had no choice but to submit to the Public Protector. This emphasises to the Committee that the Knysna Municipality and Knysna Council were unperturbed by your consideration of my petition, eager to continue to be unhelpful towards me and contemptuous of the law. It's reasonable to conclude that the longer the Committee and House take to reach decision, the more damage against our town.

6.11.2. Complaint #03 – Knysna Communications Contract: Fran Kirsten is Mayor Spies' friend, election campaign manager and ex-Knysna-Plett Herald reporter. Kirsten, without tender and qualifications, was granted a 3-month contract to run the Knysna Municipality Communications Department. Her contract was renewed and will likely be renewed again soon. [Evidence for download](#).

6.11.3. Complaint #04 - Rowan Spies: Mayor Spies partner and father of her children, was involved in a job for pals scandal. I provide the forensic report which was hidden from the public. [Evidence for download](#).

6.11.4. Complaint #05 – Director Dawie Adonis illegally holds his position due to his lack of minimum competency levels. [Evidence for download](#).

6.11.5. Complaint #06 - Propaganda, Intimidation, Suppression: This has been discussed in detail in my petition. Fact is that the Knysna Municipality has continued to act negatively towards me and the public. With the Committee delayed, I had to act. [Evidence for download](#).

6.11.6. Complaint #07 - Illegal Study Payments: Ex-ANC Chief Whip Stephen de Vries and his right-hand man, Councillor Clive Witbooi, had their studies illegally paid by Knysna Municipality via Easton's approval. It was my concern that this may be a reason why there was no valid opposite for 5 years. [Evidence for Download](#) (this is an expansion of the mention in my original petition).

6.11.7. Complaint #08 – Wayne Sternsdorf and Clint Manuel: Two fireman with questionable backgrounds in Cape Town, were hired as the Knysna Fire Chief and Sedgelyield Fire Station Commander. The Knysna

Municipality is determined to maintain a cover-up. I'm currently facing court proceedings - [evidence for download](#).

- 6.11.8. Complaint #09 - East Head Leases: Arguably the most well located and expensive public property in Knysna was leased without tender. A neighbouring lease has resulted in the loss of R7-million to the public with no one being held accountable. [Evidence for download](#).
- 6.11.9. Complaint #10 - Dawie Adonis alleged graft: Allegedly offered municipal work in exchange for reduction on the costs of building his house. [Evidence for download](#).
- 6.11.10. Complaint #11 - Unanswered or partially answered PAIAs numbered 9 to 19: This is the first step towards what may become new complaints against the Knysna Municipality. Topics range from tenders and appointments to the death of a municipal employee which has remained unexplained for one year. [Evidence for download](#).
- 6.11.11. Complaint #12 - Knysna Tourism PAIAs: In its new incarnation as Knysna & Partners which is still funded by the public, the organisation continues to hide information. [Evidence for download](#).
- 6.12 Knysna Tourism, now operating as Knysna and Partners, is seeking a 3-year mandate as a new entity called Brand Knysna. If this is agreed to, at least one year's budget, approximately R4-million, will be signed off end May 2017.
- 6.13 I'm in Court with several of my protagonists on May 18. That may never stop until they're honestly investigated.
- 6.14 The threat to me is real. It has been stated publicly that the goal is to have me jailed. The one avenue to that ignoble result is for them to find me in contempt of court regarding the Edge case. In that case, I'd go to jail for 3 months for having simply fought those who are trying to destroy me. My worry that our courts are rigged in the favour of the DA is a reality that must be considered after so many legal strangedoings in my disfavour.
- 6.15 I have reason to fear harm to me whilst in police custody.
- 6.16 Do I have to fear worse as possible investigation into their criminal activity draws nearer? These evil politicians have cut me off from work. They have repeatedly taken me to court. They released massive amounts of propaganda against me, even associating me with child abuse. They want to jail me. Will they escalate further now that their careers are at stake and the DA is nearer a large public image blow?

*p.t.o.*



## **PROUDLY DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

Shaun van Eck was the CEO of Knysna Tourism and an active DA constituent. When I laid complaint against him to the Board of Directors, they unprofessionally gave it to him. Van Eck emailed me this:

"You have a choice to make at this stage. You may withdraw the letter from the Board and suspend your hate campaign and I will walk away from the conflict. Should you continue, I will make sure that the TRUTH reaches every ear that you reach, and that further every Tourism CEO and Municipal Manager in SA is warned of your modus operandi. As it did in my arbitration, the TRUTH will triumph and your selfishness will be seen for what it is..."

Years later, he was relatedly found guilty on 4 gross charges but received R270,000 to sign a secrecy agreement, DA blessed.



### **7. INFORMATION NEEDED**

It will assist the Committee's deliberation if these completed investigations are requested from the Knysna Municipality. This pertains directly to my original petition.

- 7.1 The investigation by service provider Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Attorneys into Manager Electrical Manon McDonald. This documents currently sits with the Audit Committee.
- 7.2 The evidence and audio recordings from the disciplinary hearing of Municipal Manager Grant Easton.

There's no valid reason why the Knysna Municipality should deny you this information. The topics remain current and the investigations are recent i.e. the information should be speedily available.

Additionally, ask Susan Campbell:

- 7.3 To supply her evidence in support of her complaint to Knysna Municipality regarding Municipal Manager Grant Easton.

*This will be sent as a standalone request so as to be more practically distributed to the Committee.*

## **PROUDLY DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE**

"You are so obviously being targeted. I have asked people about you in general, and most people answer that you are to be avoided. When I push for a reason why, not one person has been able to answer. A huge smear campaign, which I am sure you are well aware of. I have it on good authority that the DA are actively trying to get you out, by whatever means possible - again, I'm sure no big news to you. I just can't believe the scale of it. What I am surprised about, is the amount of fear involved. People are petrified to stand up. I have watched cases where residents lives have been made unbearable difficult and impossible because they have had a run in with Lauren Waring. I see the same thing happening with the ratepayers associations. If you disagree on any issue, you are instantly side-lined." - Candace Myers in 2013. Soon thereafter, her husband became a DA candidate and she and he turned against me, taking the side she once despised.

**INTimidation**

### **8. CONCLUSION**

I have shown widespread corruption and maladministration in Knysna, and the desire by the perpetrators to cover that up at any cost.

There has been blatant failure of duty by politicians and municipal staff at the highest local level. More worrying is that the behaviour is seemingly condoned, even supported by the Democratic Alliance's national leadership.

They have shown disdain for our South African democracy by repeatedly failing to address serious issues. They were either culpable or became complicit through cover-up.

There were a succession of Acting Municipal Managers after Grant Easton was suspended. Carl Mattheus quit after only 6 weeks, publicly stating: "I'm a seasoned professional who will not be used as a political pawn." [LKP48]. Even then, alarms bells never rung.

It must be asked by opposition party leaderships why their underlings in Knysna and the Western Cape failed to address scandal after scandal, whether for Constitutional duty or as 'election dynamite'. Why was there no opposition, particularly with regards filling their oversight role?

Our town has been damaged financially and emotionally. Why should citizens and businesses be afraid to stand up, made to think that their only options are to ignore or join in?

The Democratic Alliance has sought to destroy my life for exposing their dirtiness.

Please recommend to the House that Knysna Municipality be placed under



Administration and that:

- The DA Federal Executive be made to respond for their poor actions and inactions.
- The Auditor General be asked why, contrary to serious findings, the Knysna Municipality has continuously received clean audits (a mask that allowed the Council and Municipality to pretend that they'd done no wrong). It must be asked why the Auditor General failed to act on information I'd provided them regards Knysna Tourism.
- An authority figure of the SAPS investigate why the Knysna SAPS has failed to follow through on cases involving me, why they never enacted the warrant of arrest for Mark Allan, and why they refuse to communicate with me (despite having stated publicly that they would). This should include gaining reasons why the Hawks failed to investigate my cases involving Knysna Tourism (105/05/2015) and the ISDF (106/05/2015).
- An audit of the KPMG-run Eden District Corruption Hotline and a look into the efficiency and impartiality of other hotlines.

I'm open to your knowledgeable suggestions towards solution

In no way is this to be considered the sum of my evidence. My goal was to sufficiently argue my case to the Committee without overburdening it.

Please note that:

- After I delivered my Feb 10 2016 oral presentation, I gained the distinct impression that your DA Committee members were seeking to discredit me rather than evaluate the evidence. I'm also of the belief, as stated, that this year-long limbo was unnecessary, greatly assisted by the falsehood that the ISDF was still under investigation. Please note that since I submitted my petition, one and a half years have passed. Please do not allow further delay which I fear the DA may seek.
- DA East Region Manager Jaco Londt is a member of your Committee Petitions & Executive Undertakings. Considering the evidence I've provided, he should be removed whilst he's investigated for breaching your code of conduct.
- MEC Anton Bredell is implicated and thus cannot be allowed to make a decision on the possible Administration of the Knysna Municipality.

The past 6 years were challenging, changing me. Undoubtedly, I've many court cases ahead whilst assisting the investigation you will hopefully recommend and find approved by the House of Parliament. However, as a start to 'normal life', I wish to return to my kids project. Whilst evil political power sought to associate me with child abuse, I placed Love Knysna Projects on hold. The Democratic Alliance robbed not only me but happiness from disadvantaged children.

Please help our town, province and me. Ensure clean governance through swift but diligent investigation. "Love Knysna, Save Knysna!"

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## NOTES

1. The entire 'Love Knysna Petition' to be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ytap74w3xuv6f0d/AAAgJaZ1dik1XE4VrH0wCGVXa?dl=0>
2. Evidence listed in this document to be found in a sub-folder at [www.dropbox.com/sh/rayx6yqh6a9zxx/AABBtAlbros3K\\_X4-948BWXOa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rayx6yqh6a9zxx/AABBtAlbros3K_X4-948BWXOa?dl=0)
3. Since leaving office on August 3 2016, Esme Edge has changed her name to Esme Jeffries.
4. The ID of Edge's spouse, Julie Seton, the ex-DA candidate and the advocate opposing me in many court cases, displays Julie Lopes. Seton was her maiden name. This is notable in that Seton may be in conflict with her Lopes ID name because she was previously sequestered. That would then bring her into conflict of interest as a member of the legal profession.
5. When viewing emails I've provided, please note the bottom of the page where it would list any attachments that were sent. I do not include here as it would be voluminous repetition but, in most cases if not all, the title will make the contents clear.

## REPEATED EVIDENCE (FROM INITIAL PETITION) FOR CONVENIENT REFERRAL

- ISDF4 ISDF tender investigation by Graham Paulse
- ISDF4b Susan Campbell - Comments on ISDF Findings by Western Cape Government
- KT12 Lauren Waring's letter to the Public Protector

## SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE

- LKP01 2016.03.15 Susan Campbell responds to Knysna Municipality response to Parliament
- LKP02 2016.03.16 Mike Hampton responds to Knysna Municipality response to Parliament
- LKP03 2016.05.24 NCOP decision - Mr Hampton
- LKP04a Public Protector letter to Mike Hampton
- LKP04b Public Protector letter to Mike Hampton
- LKP05 Wessels and Vogt email regards legal action
- LKP06 Complaint to PP against George office
- LKP07 KM press Easton resigns - posted March 17
- LKP08a Grant Easton charge sheet pg04
- LKP08b Grant Easton charge sheet pg05
- LKP08c Grant Easton charge sheet pg06
- LKP08d Grant Easton charge sheet pg07
- LKP08e Grant Easton charge sheet pg08
- LKP08f Grant Easton charge sheet pg09
- LKP09a Complaint Against Municipal Manager- 5x tender fraud
- LKP09b Complaint Against Municipal Manager- racism and tender fraud
- LKP10a Mayor Bouw-Spies press release against Mike Hampton
- LKP10b 2016.09.11 KPH publishes Mayor press release 09.19am
- LKP10c link to audio recording of meeting
- LKP11 Speaker Spies open letter published in KPH
- LKP12 2016.02.25 KPH Young and Seton
- LKP12b Spies press release propaganda campaign (zip folder)
- LKP12c 2016.04.03 PBK Young press release
- LKP13 Dr-Martin-Young-Little-Devil-Dossier (zip folder)
- LKP14a Examples of Online Propaganda and Threats (zip folder)
- LKP14b 2014.10.06 Colonel Atwell Metu - cops looking for me
- LKP14c Knysna SAPS lied about cooperation
- LKP15 2017.02.06 Sociopath diagnosis by Young
- LKP16 DA opinions about Parliament
- LKP17a Elephants in the Room - Love Knysna brief
- LKP17b Elephants in the Room received (signed)
- LKP18a 2014.07.11 To Londt Barrell Hart - Knysna Tourism illegal company
- LKP18b1 2014.07.14 Meeting Jaco Londt
- LKP18b2 2014.07.15 To Londt - Prelude to our meeting
- LKP18c 2016.02.21 To Londt - Complaint against the Knysna DA - Immediate Action Sought
- LKP18d 2016.02.22 To Londt Seton Edge regards defamation
- LKP18e 2016.04.03 DA should be ashamed, YouLondt, are guilty of failing us
- LKP18f 2017.02.09 To Londt threat to arrest - illegal sociopath diagnosis
- LKP18g 2014.07.08 To Wolmarans Londt - MAYCO meeting request
- LKP18h 2014.07.21 To Londt - meeting, me, essential reads, follow-up
- LKP19a0 2011.08.29 - Dear Helen, is the DA Rotten to Alan Winde, Lucille !!



- LKP19a1 2013.11.13a To Zille - Dear Helen Zille
- LKP19a2 2013.11.13b read receipt - Lucille Fester
- LKP19a3 2013.11.26a To Zille - Dear Helen Zille follow-up1
- LKP19a4 2013.11.26b read receipt
- LKP19a5 2013.11.26c read receipt Donnae Strydom
- LKP19a6 2013.11.26d read receipt Myrtle Jonathan
- LKP19b2 2015.11.27 To Zille - Questions Knysna ISDF irregularities finally exposed
- LKP19c1 2015.05.14 Zille staff and Winde refuse affidavits - acknowledge complaints Hill-Lewis
- LKP19c2a 2015.11.27 Zille read Questions Knysna ISDF irregularities finally exposed
- LKP19c2b 2015.11.27b Zille read again
- LKP19c2c 2015.11.27c Strydom read Questions Knysna ISDF irregularities finally exposed
- LKP19c2d 2015.11.27d Strydom read again
- LKP19d1 2016.04.03 To Zille - DA should be ashamed You, Jaco Londt, are guilty of failing us
- LKP19d2 2016.04.03 Zille read Ashamed! Jaco Londt
- LKP19d2 2016.07.21 To Zille - Follow-up to Knysna Meeting #1 - Parliament submission
- LKP19d3a 2016.07.21 Zille Read - Follow-up Meeting #1 - Parliament submission
- LKP19d3b 2016.08.07 Zille read again
- LKP19d3c 2016.07.21 Zille Read again
- LKP19d4 2016.07.20 Helen Zille read receipt - racist fireman
- LKP19d5 2016.07.26 To Zille - Follow-up to Knysna Meeting #2 - Knysna Tourism
- LKP19d6 2016.07.26 To Zille - Follow-up to Knysna Meeting #3 - ISDF tender (future of Knysna)
- LKP19d7 2016.07.26 To Zille - Follow-up to Knysna Meeting #4 - Rowan Spies
- LKP19d8 2016.07.27 To Zille - Follow-up to Knysna Meeting #5 - Julie Seton & Dr Martin Young
- LKP19d9 2016.07.27 To Zille - Follow-up to Knysna Meeting #6 - Tenders & ANC collusion
- LKP19d10 2016.08.07 To Zille - Follow-up Knysna Meeting (after election)
- LKP19d11 2016.12.12 read DA Helen Zille - DA Corruption listed
- LKP19d12 2016.12.13 auto reply1 Helen Zille
- LKP19d13 2016.12.13 auto reply2 Helen Zille
- LKP19d14 2016.12.13 auto reply3 Helen Zille
- LKP19e1a 2017.03.27 To Zille - Charge Sheet against Knysna's Municipal Manager revealed
- LKP19e1b 2017.03.27 To Zille - Part 2 Charge Sheet against Knysna's Municipal Manager revealed
- LKP19e2 2017.02.27 To Knysna Council Zille Londt - Proudly DA through abuse of child abuse
- LKP19e3 2017.02.27 To Zille asst Jonathan Strydom - Proudly DA through abuse of child abuse
- LKP19e4 2017.03.24 To KM, Spies, Wolmarans, Zille, Maimane - No Real Cooperation on PAIAs 2nd round
- LKP19e5 2014.09.10 To Zille - criminal record Oudtshoorn Mayor
- LKP20 Emails to DA and Western Cape government
- LKP21a 2011.08.29 - Hill-Lewis spoke to Winde (REF\_ 2011\_3342)
- LKP21b 2011.09.08 Knysna Tourism to Hill-Lewis Winde Zille
- LKP22 Emails to Knysna DA Council Municipality
- LKP24 DA threatens my subscribers
- LKP25a 2017.01.19a DA FB ISDF question1
- LKP25b 2017.01.19b DA FB ISDF question2
- LKP25c 2017.01.19c DA FB ISDF question3
- LKP25d 2016.09.29 DA FB - fair comment pinned to top page
- LKP25d 2017.01.22 DA FB ISDF question - banned me1
- LKP25e 2016.09.29b DA FB - fair comment removed Dec 7
- LKP25f 2016.03.23a Knysna DA FB - complaint ignored deleted
- LKP25g 2016.03.23b Knysna DA FB - complaint deleted
- LKP25h 2016.04.04 Knysna DA FB - complaint ignored deleted
- LKP25i 2016.02.09 Knysna DA FB - Candace Myers an admin
- LKP27 2017.02.09 To Douglas Council - Intimidation via Fran Kirsten
- LKP28a 2016.07.22 Citizen - Blogger Hijacks Zille Meeting (video)
- LKP28b 2016.07.22 Citizen - Blogger Hijacks Zille Meeting
- LKP29a flyer pg1
- LKP29b flyer pg2 - Martin Young
- LKP29c flyer pg3 - Rowan Spies
- LKP29d flyer pg4
- LKP29e Helen Zille Knysna - Mike Hampton
- LKP30a Knysna-Plett Herald emails
- LKP30b Blogs about Knysna-Plett Herald
- LKP31a 2016.02.10 Times Live on Knysna troubles
- LKP31b 2016.02.11 Cape Times on Parliament

- LKP31c 2016.02.20 Corruption Busters - Mike Hampton
- LKP31d 2016.03.16 EWN on Parliament 2nd meeting
- LKP31e 2016.03.17 EWN again on Parliament - Mark Allan comments
- LKP31f 2016.06.22 Cape Times on Parliament
- LKP31g 2016.09.17 Cape Argus - Knysna is just another chess piece
- LKP31h Knysna SAPS lied about communication Oct 2014
- LKP31i Knysna-Plett Herald1b - Mike Hampton interview 2014.08.07
- LKP31j 2015 Cocaine Captains trailer (video)
- LKP32a 2017.04.06 Knysna Keep 759,420 page views
- LKP32b 2017.04.06 News24 248,937 page views
- LKP32c 2017.04.06 Facebook 9,822 subscribers
- LKP33 Knysna Keep articles (sample) (zip folder)
- LKP34 Vogt versus Hampton (zip folder)
- LKP35 Hampton versus Seton (zip folder)
- LKP36 Hampton Complaint against Seton to Cape Bar (zip folder)
- LKP37 2013.07.30 Candace Myers threats - emails to ratepayers
- LKP38a 2013.08.05 Knysna Tourism & ISDF tender complaint summary
- LKP38b 2013.08.28 PP Bruce Wessels requesting infor from KT
- LKP38c 2013.09.19a Amanda Snyman - letters from KM and PP
- LKP38d 2013.09.19b attachment - letter to KT
- LKP38e 2013.09.19c attachment - letter to KM
- LKP38f 2013.10.02 To Bruce Wessels - errors - ISDF debt
- LKP38g 2013.10.17 Meeting confirmation
- LKP38h 2013.11.25 To Bruce Wessels – follow-up
- LKP38i 2013.12.04 Complaint to Amanda Snyman
- LKP38j 2013.12.13a1 From Amanda Snyman blocking investigation
- LKP38k 2013.12.13a2 Attachment - Public Protector letter to Mike Hampton pg1
- LKP38l 2013.12.13a2 Attachment Public Protector letter to Mike Hampton pg2
- LKP38m 2013.12.13b Lauren Waring's letter to the Public Protector
- LKP38n 2014.02.27 Complaint against PP's George branch
- LKP38o 2014.03.07 Christina Hlongwane responds to complaint
- LKP38p 2015.05.29 Complaint to PP against George office
- LKP38q 2017.02.09 To Landman - queries Wessels
- LKP39a Hampton affidavit - Tourism Case 105-05-2015 signed
- LKP39b 2013.08.19 Tolken declines to prosecute Tourism
- LKP39c Hampton affidavit - ISDF Case 106-05-2015
- LKP40a 2014.09.17 To Engelbrecht - several cases incl Allan
- LKP40b 2014.11.14 Engelbrecht met Steyn - Allan emigrating
- LKP40c 2014.12.10 Engelbrecht - Moos, Vogt and Hall
- LKP40d 2014.12.10 To Engelbrecht Steyn - Mark Allan
- LKP40e 2016.10.04 2 cases same day - Hampton to Control Prosecutor Engelbrecht
- LKP41 2013.06.12 Public Service Corruption Hotline
- LKP43 2016.03.09 To COGTA - Knysna Corruption
- LKP44a 2014.09.10 From Campbell for AG - ISDF and Procurement
- LKP44b 2014.09.10b From Campbell for AG -attached Doc1
- LKP44c 2014.09.10c From Campbell for AG - T20 tender
- LKP44d 2014.09.10d From Campbell for AG – attached
- LKP44e 2014.10.09 To AG Morgan Nihwatiwa - Tourism ISDF
- LKP45 2016.10.20 To CorruptionWatch - Trouble in the Western Cape
- LKP46 newspapers fail to act
- LKP46b 2016.12.14 Adonis cover-up Meloney Paulsen Georlene Wolmarans
- LKP47 PAIA KM 05 - Johnny Douglas
- LKP48 2016.10.13 KPH Carl Mattheus quits - political pawn comment



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