

LOVE KNYSNA PETITION

TO: COMMITTEE PETITIONS & EXECUTIVE UNDERTAKINGS
**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY 'S
18 JULY 2017 SUBMISSION (SEPTEMBER 11 2017)**



To Committee Members

The July 18 response by Knysna Municipality to the Committee Petitions & Executive Undertakings is frightening, a continuation of the attempt to discredit me whilst distorting facts, lying and dodging.

It begs a detailed response but it would be inconvenient for me to further burden the Committee when it already has sufficient evidence before it in order to clearly make a decision in my favour this Wednesday.

Consequently, I request that you only note a few points from me but give consideration to the evidence witness Susan Campbell sent to you this morning, It shows that Knysna Municipality has again misled this Committee, disgracefully using the Great Knysna Fire disaster as an excuse that's in fact lie:

- **[R0a]** Email from witness Susan Campbell.
- **[R0b]** Response from Campbell to Knysna Municipality's July submission.
- **[R0c]** Knysna Tourism (now acting as Knysna & Partners) is illegally funded and in contravention of a host of other laws. That's the legal opinion of outside attorneys hired by the Municipality. Note that I became an activist because of the illegal funding, non-tendering and cronyism of the organisation. My 6 and a half year battle for justice is vindicated by this report BUT the report was ignored and Tourism was recently funded for another year. I cannot confirm but

a source told me that Knysna Municipality was instructed by MEC Alan Winde to do so. Consequently, I was able to predict the funding before it happened. **It must be highlighted that the Municipality withheld the information from the Committee, having received it one day before the May hearing which they failed to attend.**

- [R0d] Campbell's letter to MEC Local Government Bredell regarding Director Community Affairs Dawie Adonis 4-year illegal appointment. Bredell illegally never acted.
- [R0e-f] Adonis as Special Council item in June 2017 and August 2017 Resolution by Council to redeploy Adonis. Summarily, Knysna Municipality admits the illegal appointment, ignores the previous and separate complaints by Campbell and I, chooses to hold no one accountable and instead gives Adonis a new position. His 'interim' position must be unorganogrammed and thus illegal too.
- [R0d]

THREATS

Immediately dismissing the credibility of the Municipality's letter is their failure to address their threats and propaganda against me and citizens of Knysna. If there were no smoking guns then there'd be no reason for them to work so hard to discredit and crush me. The extension of their attack to the Public is diabolical.

Their negative actions have continued throughout this petition process.

Just yesterday, **DA Councillor Martin Young stated that he will sue 200 of my subscribers for R60-million**, their 'crime' for sharing or liking my posts on Facebook. I won't detail the legal and Constitutional wrongness of that as I'm sure you learned and honourable Public servants will all immediately understand and be appalled, the DA most so (if they have any morality left over) [R01->R17].

Young then publicly shared a link to his illegal diagnosis of me as a sociopath and as a danger to children. This is the same 'evidence' DA Advocate Julie Seton used for her defence in the Cape Bar [R17->R27].

Besides it being incorrect and me showing the Committee that I'm indeed sane, it's an illegal diagnosis because he isn't a doctor of psychiatry, I've never been his patient, and, even if I had been, it would have broken confidentiality. What we have is a politician abusing his "doctor" title for dirty political ends. It shows the extraordinary lengths the DA will go to destroy me. Furthermore, his 'diagnosis' is a serious breach of health professional ethics.

Young compounded his wrongness by sending me an absurd email whose threat must, nevertheless, be considered seriously [R28].

It's unsurprising that Advocate Julie Seton (a.k.a. Julie Lopes, a.k.a. Julie Jeffreys) is his legal representation, despite my protection order against her, because she has been involved in so many cases against me already.

It's unsurprising that Seton is illegally interacting with her client on my Facebook page. "Illegal" because an advocate has to work through an attorney so as to maintain impartiality, impartiality she lost long ago when she and Young were issuing and supporting propaganda against me whilst she was in various court room situations

against me.

Notably, the Cape Bar has refused to act and also failed to respond to my complaint against their Chair.

I've yet to be served but I've been told that Mayor Spies, Speaker Wolmarans, Councillor Young and others are about to flood me with court cases. My sources, more often than not, are correct.

It's been alleged that Mayor Spies is using public funds for her lawyer fees. A citizen asked me this important question: "If your emails are not in the public interest and infringe on her privacy, why are we paying for her attorneys?"

Fire Chief Clinton Manuel has sought to intimidate me twice. This extract from my article [R29] includes dialogue from the second threat which **implies violence towards me**:

6 weeks later, on July 22, I went to Polvo Coffee Bar which is situated at 50 Main Road, behind Steers. Owing to the loss of my rented home and internet connection, I was forced to work on my laptop from restaurants. When I entered, Manuel was talking to James Fouche, the owner of Polvo. I would later realise that Manuel was there to be interviewed by Fouche for a book he was writing.

Manuel made an overbearing point of repeatedly saying hello to me despite me ignoring him because i believed there was malice behind his friendliness. I went to the other side of the counter, into the second room where I'd be out of sight of him.

After several minutes, Manuel approached me to stand right against the small table and hover over me. That he intentionally made his way to me despite my obvious unwillingness to interact with him must be noted.

Likely knowing Fouche could be witness, he continued his false friendliness. It's was obvious from my continued lack of response that I didn't want him there.

Manuel switched tactic, asking if he was being threatening or intimidating. That was rhetorical because the only reason for him to ask is because my motion and queries to the Magistrate must have been inappropriately shared with him. It's further foundation to his intimidation of me that he chose to approach me instead of staying away as a sensible person would.

I gave up on my failed silence and repeatedly told him to leave me alone. He then said that it was me who wasn't leaving him alone. That can only refer to my complaints to the Knysna Municipality and the related court case with his Fire Department. That further emphasises that his intention in approaching me was maliciousness.

When Manuel said, "*You don't leave me alone which is why I don't leave you alone,*" he made his harassment of me clear.

Manuel's false position of friendliness was emphasised with: "*If you write crap*

about me, be prepared that I'm going to confront you any time."

He was obviously losing composure when he stated, *"I've also got a history that you will never uncover."*

I responded that, *"We'll meet in Court."* Manuel said, *"No we won't, we'll meet in the street."* That could only be interpreted as threat.

Fouche had left the counter and walked to the lounge suite in the far corner opposite me. Manuel joined him and shot out, *"That's where the playing fields are leveled, on the street."*

Life was difficult before the fire. Now it's more so because another person who is supposed to protect me is now another person i must fear.

Again, the Knysna Council, Knysna Municipality (as headed by Municipal Manager Kam Chetty), Helen Zille, Anton Bredell, MEC Alan Winde and the DA Federal Executive have failed to respond to my complaint.

The timing of threats and propaganda with the expected Committee recommendation on the Love Knysna Petition cannot be coincidence but rather a devious political attempt to control the dialogue or pollute the Public's mind if I'm successful.

DODGING

If the Knysnas Municipality had nothing to hide, and were confident in their facts, they wouldn't have thrice dodged the hearings held by the Committee nor requested in their latest submission that they not be required to attend in future.

The fire disaster is an ignoble excuse for future non-attendance. More than 3 months has passed and Local Government doesn't stop running. Furthermore, there has been no declaration by the Municipality that it will not attend functions of government or related meetings outside of the handling of the disaster. Why is their response to this Committee special?

In light of those that died or lost their homes, plus the Municipality's failure to address Afriforum's investigation which points blame at the Municipality, it's disgusting that they would use the fire as an excuse, even more so since none of the 21 Councillors or Directors were victims.

In context, the fire is but one more enormous challenge in many years of challenge involving political and municipal corruption and maladministration. The past cannot be burnt away because you have its story firmly in your hands. I've entrusted you with great responsibility. Mine and our town's fate is in your hands.

BLOCKING

The Municipality's claim that I'm no longer blocked is untrue. Unbanning my emails but refusing to respond to my complaints still constitutes blocking.

Knysna Municipality admits that they've investigated several aspects of my complaints but without admitting the obvious, that my several of my serious allegations were

found to be true. They haven't dealt with me as a complainant in those matters at all. How can that be unless I'm blocked?

To label my 20 PAIA requests as "manifestly frivolous and vexatious" demonstrates the failure of their government. Those PAIAs include questions into the death of a municipal employee on duty, illegal appointments, questionable tenders, municipal debt, audit findings etc. Only the most irresponsible or criminal public official or representative would be so dismissive of such important matters.

Newspapers continue to ignore these massively newsworthy topics, the local newspaper not even corresponding with me when they were forced by my appearance on SABC to print something.

Mmusi Maimane, Helen Zille, James Selfe, Anton Bredell and a host of Western Cape leaders continue to ignore my complaints and the evidence before them.

Geordin Hill-Lewis, as stated in my last update, said that my emails will be treated as spam.

The list of people, government organisations whose failure I criticise, as provided by Knysna Municipality, is ironically presented as proof of my being unreasonable when in fact its proof of their massive bias and incompetence with consequences of suffering to the Public. That list of names only has value if it's accompanied by the complaint and evidence they're received, with some needing to provide reason why they chose to be in contravention of our country's health and the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Act.

Most ironically, that Municipality's list of names includes many who've sort to discredit me through social media, even using false claims and innuendo of child abuse. One, on Facebook, wished for my death in graphic manner. Some of the names have since been found guilty by municipal ordered investigations.

The Municipality's list becomes evidence against the Municipality.

Knysna Municipality obviously supports the campaign to discredit me whereas anyone whose read my evidence can tell that my accusations are not fantasies but the result of their crime and my difficult exposure thereof.

My complaints are not, as Knysna Municipality claims, "hubris" or "spurious". That's defamation thrown by the guilty rather than defence by the innocent.

By dismissing my voice, they're dismissing the thousands of citizens who follow my postings and the many that are asking the same questions but not being heard by government.

I remain under attack and blocked because they, meaning the Western Cape government, Knysna Municipality, the Public Protector, the SAPS, and the Democratic Alliance and their opposition friends, with all their misused power, allow it.

Considering the evidence against the esteemed list of villains facing my accusation and allegation, who else can I turn to if this Committee fails to act? How much more will our town suffer if you don't?

It's up to this Committee to restore law and order on the back of transparency followed by accountability.

Hold the Knysna Municipality accountable for its repeated insult to Parliament.

Stop the attack against me, witness Campbell and our fellow citizens. Protect me and Campbell as you promised you would.

Love Knysna by standing in the way of the political evil that hunts our town from the comfort of power.

PS: As usual, I CC Knysna Municipality, the Western Cape Local Government and various politicians (from all relevant political parties) so that they cannot say that they were unaware. I encourage the Municipality and DA's response before the Committee meets. Let them explain why they haven't responded to the latest threats.

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