

Subject: Complaint: Intimidation via Fran Kirsten

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At the Ordinary Council Meeting of January 26 2017, Communications Manager Fran Kirsten attempted to intimidate me. Her action was unconstitutional.

During tea time, i spoke to several people whilst taking the occasional photo in the tea room and the Council Chambers.

Kirsten vigorously approached me, ordering me not to take photos. If i did, she stated she would have me removed by local law enforcement. My response was to take a photo of her. She then said that she was having me thrown out. She immediately left the room, heading down the exit passage.

Disaster Manager Richard Meyer, who is obviously no fan of mine, and was not in the room, appears a few minutes later, hanging nearby me.

1. Acting Municipal Manager Johnny Douglas, my request is that you provide discipline which must include an emailed apology from Kirsten. Furthermore, her contract is clearly illegal so her negativity is likely associated with my exposure of such. Why, Johnny, have you not followed up on that contract or any of my complaints? I hope that it isn't so that you can secure a permanent position by cosyng up to those doing wrong in our Municipality and against our town.

2. Mayor Eleonore Bouw, i ask you for comment on the incident. How is intimidation part of your election promise of communication? Why do you consistently put your friend Kirsten ahead of your duty to Knysna?

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Mike Hampton

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