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Mayor Wolmarans to Meet Mike Hampton

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I hope readers realise that this is more damage control than genuine attention. The Mayor admits that it's not her decision but from higher up. They haven't even contacted me yet they put out a press release. It's election year, folks! Nevertheless, i will approach the meeting with genuine intention – we need to clean up the past and paint a better future.

Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans has announced that she will be meeting self-proclaimed activist, Mike Hampton.



"For five years, Hampton has made allegations about corruption and maladministration," said Executive Mayor Wolmarans on Thursday. *"For five years, we've denied that there's any truth in that. We are, proudly, the Clean Audit Town. Unfortunately, Hampton has persisted, resulting in our having to attend an inappropriate meeting of Parliament."*

At that meeting, Municipal Manager Grant Easton and Mayor Wolmarans openly addressed concerns regarding Knysna Tourism, the ISDF tender award, the Municipal Manager appointment and the blocking of communication. Any irregularity in the first three were emphatically denied. For the last, Mr. Easton

pointed out that he had unblocked Hampton's emails as soon as he had taken over governance of the town.

"Parliament has currently been on a three-week break," informed Mr. Easton. *"We do not know if we will have to attend again or if answering questions by email will suffice. We are hoping that Parliament doesn't waste anymore more of your ratepayers' money. The last trip was expensive, a further waste because several members of our delegation never got to speak at all. At least our tour of Parliament was insightful and enjoyable. However, we would rather encourage people to holiday in Knysna."*

Executive Mayor Wolmarans continued with: *"We denied Hampton a meeting for several years because we believed that no answers would satisfy him. We believe that his goal is to blemish local government for reasons he hasn't declared. His blogging suggests a political motive supporting a third party."*

However, at a recent meeting with MEC Alan Winde and MP Jaco Londt, it was suggested that we speak to Hampton and bury this matter once and for all. We suspect that it will not remain buried for Hampton but we can hope that it'll be buried in the eyes of the public."

A team of people from local government will meet Mr. Hampton on April 8. This will include previous directors of Knysna Tourism, the Mayoral Committee, Corporate Services Manager Bevan Ellman and Legal Services Manager Melony Paulsen. There will also be an as yet to be decided upon observer from the Western Cape Government.

They will answers which questions they can and then gather whatever other information is needed, hopefully before Parliament questions again.

The Knysna Municipality and the Democratic Alliance reconfirmed their commitment to good governance, truth and transparency.

Knysna Municipality press release by Christopher Bezuidenhout.

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