

Knysna Knews

We have been reading submissions to parliament and investigating the happenings at Parliament. Quite frankly folks, it must be an election year. It can only be an election year when an individual pursuing his own agenda submits a petition accusing politicians and office bearers in a DA run municipality of misconduct and a hearing is scheduled with NO INVESTIGATION.

Jip the petition is simply accepted and thereafter without first researching to establish whether there is any basis whatsoever to the allegations, at taxpayers expense invitations are issued willy nilly for people to drop everything and come to Cape Town. At the taxpayers expense.

Common sense and general principles of ordinary law should dictate that an accused should be informed of the charges against him once their authenticity has been investigated, and afforded the opportunity to respond to the official body and only thereafter should a public hearing be held after all the irrelevant issues have been parked.

But no, we have ascertained that no queries were addressed to the politicians and office bearers. They simply received an invitation to appear which they declined, as they have far more important things to do with their time than waste it 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 this.

It is ridiculous to expect people to walk into a hearing and have to furnish answers with no frame of reference and without knowledge of what to answer to. It defies all sense of justice and creates a situation clearly akin to a lynch mob.

Notwithstanding this using our money the committee happily flies both Hampton and Cambell down and certain other officials attended.

What then happens reinforces the political motive behind this witchhunt. The newspapers controlled by Surve etc immediately rush to print, with stories of allegation of corruption and mismanagement in Knysna. They also erroneously leave readers with the impression that parliament is demanding answers by the 19th of Feb and one leaps to the conclusion that this would be from the municipality etc.

Nope, even in their eagerness to pillory the mayor and certain officials they too could not find adequate substantiation for the wild allegations being made and it is Hampton who has to furnish proof. This is something he has consistently failed to do throughout his vicious and defamatory blogging, as the problems exist solely in his mind.

Having read his submission, he focuses on firstly Knysna Tourism which has been dealt with exhaustively and there is quite simply nothing amiss. Unlike Hampton, we don't intend to endlessly bore people by reiterating statements previously made but we will again repeat that the oyster festival is owned by neither the municipality nor Tourism. Undeniable fact.

As an aside we notice he completely erroneously states that the contents of this page are devoid of truth. That comment and his blogs, are what is devoid of truth.

The ISDF his next issue has been investigated, found not to be lacking, is in an advanced stage and quite frankly if there had been something wrong with the award surely the other bidders would have challenged it. But no ... lets see who takes issue with it: Campbell and Hampton, neither of whom have any direct interest at all except to try and place council in a bad light whilst pursuing their own agendas. The town certainly did not appoint them as their representatives and spokesperson.

The appointment of the municipal manager, his next issue has been dealt with and he then makes a bunch of baseless and unfounded allegations imputing impropriety.

Apparently Hampton's understanding of municipal finances and affairs is far superior to that of the auditor general.

He then complains about communication being blocked. By now the municipality must have an entire server dedicated to correspondence with him. He finally commences a DA bashing exercise, completely incorrectly imputing the court cases that have been successfully instituted against him to a political conspiracy.

Again cursory investigation would have revealed that none of the cases were launched by the DA. A high court interdict was obtained by the deputy mayor to protect her reputation after she had been subjected to a vicious and calculated attack on social media, calculated to tarnish her name and reputation without any grounds. The High Court agreed with her.

He seems to have taken this rather personally and obviously knows better than the high court, for which clearly has no respect. He spends pages in his submission winging to parliament about the fact that he feels he is being victimised. He very obviously still does not understand that it is unlawful and defamatory to insult and malign people without any basis outside his imagination and deliberately set out to destroy reputations.

As a result of his unlawful behaviour, which of course he does not mention, Vogt and Moos obtained protection orders against him in terms of the Harrasment Act. Having read the submissions, we are certain Hampton is in contempt of all of these orders.

It appears whilst he can dish it out with impunity he cannot take it and is now deluded enough to state that a high court judge and two magistrates could have been part of a political ploy. The fact of the matter is the applicants proved their individual cases by presenting factual proof of the unlawful conduct of Hampton. This was done at their own expense.

Now Hampton, who does not respect the courts, still proclaims he is justified in his conduct and goes further. He simply cannot see that he is the problem. He is now imputing all kinds of motive to counsel. Advocates work on brief. It will be interesting to see what comes from the fantasy being perpetuated by Hampton that there is a conspiracy afoot.

The man in our opinion needs either institutionalisation or incarceration. Wake up those of you in Knysna who still support him and stop buying into his destructive blogging and behaviour, without even attempting to ascertain whether there is any veracity whatsoever to his statements that individuals are evil, that illegal actions (other than the conduct of Hampton) have occurred, that there are any financial irregularities etc etc.

It is clear Hampton is out for vengeance at all costs. To those of you who comment on his website congratulating him on exposing corruption and endorsing his comments when he accuses politicians and office bearers of corruption and untoward behaviour, we invite you to take 2 steps back. See if you actually know what it is exactly that these people have done wrong. Bet you, you will not know, notwithstanding 5 years of Hamptons blogging.

It would appear that the thing the applicants in the court cases have done wrong is successfully litigate against Hampton. That does not make them evil. That should not warrant threats on social media by Hampton that he will not rest until evil deeds are exposed. Really?? What deeds?

So the whole parliamentary hoo ha is certainly not proof positive of anything amiss. Hampton is premature in claiming "victory" which we are certain will prove to be pyrrhic and the arrogance he is displaying beggars belief. There was nothing untoward about the fact that the municipal officials and politicians did not attend. That would have constituted fruitless and wasteful expenditure. If a summons was issued setting out specific points that would be obeyed.

Reading the submission it would appear he wanted the deputy mayor invited, whom the research team did not deem to be a stakeholder in his petition, simply to ask a question about her personal life. This certainly has nothing to do with municipal maladministration and has everything to do with Hampton's vendetta. Utilising parliament to further ones own ends ostensibly in the name of our town simply cannot be condoned.

So lets think twice about who should be facing the music and who should be held to account for the inestimable damage one individual has done and is continuing to do to our town. As stated previously caveat emptor: be careful what you buy into.


Lets eradicate the weeds preventing the growth of our town and make it the beautiful place that it can be, a town where people and nature prosper.


Viva Knysna #hamptonmustfall

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 **Mike Hampton** Anonymous postings by anonymous users promoting the DA and attacking community activists. Cowards, the scum of Knysna.

A site that lies that no evidence has been submitted when tons has. A site that submits no evidence to back its claims.


A site that implies i'm working for the ANC which is utter nonsense considering my publicly stated distaste for the major parties and my encouragement towards independence. I've asked for more DA members to be investigated because they're the ones i caught doing wrong BUT i've also asked for investigation into the ANC (the EFF loved that one in Parliament).

Waffle, waffle, waffle but no substance on Knysna Knews. The interesting part is that many of us know the cowards behind this page. It's common knowledge in the [Knysna Municipality](#). This will be going to court so i'm keeping mum on details. However, through official bodies, i haven't.


Parliament has the info. And i will send it to the DA - it's election time so it wouldn't surprise me if there's some backstabbing as some run from this mess.

I'm not going to get involved in debate here. It's a propaganda site supported by questionable people. Hell, a bunch of us are going to be in court. It's amazing how much evidence can be collected in a year.

I state this so that it's on the record. I've taken a screen shot so that it can never be complete removed.

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 **Knysna Knews** #hamptonmustfall you sir are the problem

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