

Fraud and Deceit in Land Deal

It has been known ever since our children joined CTMI that the satellite church in the Durban area have been looking for land to construct a church building. This would of course prevent them moving from one venue to another as landlords became aware of their reputation.

Audrey Hardy at a family camp in 2010 challenged the congregation to raise funds for land and buildings and promised rand for rand support from Mauritius.

In early 2011 it came to our attention from the seller and neighbours involved that there were issues emerging in the purchase of a sizeable property in Waterfall. These issues were as follows:

- The seller was concerned about being held to mysterious secrecy clauses
- She and the neighbours were told the purchase was for a special school for a few pupils. A few neighbours objected to this in the rezoning application.
- The seller then discovered that all the people involved in the deal were from CTMI and that the school was a front for a cultish church. She informed the neighbours.
- The neighbours were angered at having been deceived and called a meeting to object to the rezoning.
- Only at this stage did CPG hear about this situation and were invited to address a meeting of neighbours who wanted to know more about this “church”.
- The neighbours decided to go to the press with this story.
- It was then discovered by the journalist involved that the deal was processed through the deeds office at less than half of the price paid to the seller. The seller prepared an affidavit claiming forged signatures were used to defraud the receiver of revenue of transfer duties.
- After denying to the press that CTMI had anything to do with the deal, Durban CTMI leaders then called a meeting with neighbours. A resident recorded the meeting. The stated purpose was to win back confidence after all the deception which was blamed on CPG! Our children (one of whom was flown out secretly from Mauritius just for this meeting) were paraded and gave emotive (some tearful) testimonies in favour of CTMI and against us parents. The neighbours’ response was best summarised by one outspoken member who said “We are not interested in all these emotional stories. We want to know your intentions for this land. How can we believe you now when you have deceived us for over a year?”
- With help from local land deal watchdog, Lilian Develing, the neighbours then launched an appeal against the rezoning of the property based on the fact that a church is very different from a school for 15 pupils. This means that until there is a response from the provincial authority, no development is allowed on the site.
- The evidence of fraud secured by the journalist has been submitted to SARS and the Legal Society along with the seller’s affidavit. After committees in these organisations reviewed the evidence they reported that investigations are under way. (We have been told that these wheels turn slowly)

One of CTMI leader’s common responses has been “All this smoke is just from a few disgruntled mommies in Durban because their “adult children” made decisions they did not like”. The above evidence in particular where a community has discovered similar patterns in CTMI long before any CPG involvement clearly contradicts this perception. Rather it

speaks to the common dysfunctional core behind the glow that has blinded our family members.

Update May 2013 from CPG Forum

The appeal against rezoning was lodged in November 2011. CTMI have not been allowed to develop the property at all until the appeal was heard.

Delays in local government meant that this hearing was only heard last week on Friday 3rd May.

There was a report in our local Newspaper (The Hillcrest Fever) on Tuesday 7th and it saddens us to quote from it!

*“Lawyers for the applicant, Kurai Consulting **flatly denied the intended formation of a church** and argued that Conomirra’s claim was based on speculation and conjecture.”*

(Conomirra is a rate payers association representing the neighbours.)

By now we should not be surprised at yet another example of blatant deceit. When Mpofu was called by the press he said this deal had "nothing to do with Grace Gospel Church". Then Grace Gospel church met with residents and sold themselves as a wonderful community centred, family loving church. (Despite one of our children flying out from Mauritius and returning without us knowing). We have the recording of Pastor Neil Martin admitting that they plan to hold services. **And now in an official hearing with lawyers they deny the intention they publically admitted!!!???**

I wonder how the young folks, our family members, deal with reading this in the newspaper? They were there and heard the truth and gave moving testimonies against us and for their church. And now they read of official denial. How do they process this?

Perhaps they swallow the words of their leader Audrey Hardy - "This is not lies - it's wisdom".

We pray that they will know the truth and that the truth will set them free.

Law Society 2013

As mentioned above the seller presented an affidavit to the Law Society expressing concern about secrecy clauses in the sales agreement as well as expressing shock at transfer duty documentation from the deeds office provided by the journalist who investigated the case. The seller claimed to have never seen these documents before and that her signature had been forged. She had already moved to the Free State on the date indicated on the said documents.

The lawyer who handled the conveyancing replied in her affidavit that the reduced transfer duty was an “honest mistake” and that Mpofu had since paid the balance. (One of our children told us that Mpofu claimed he was not liable for transfer duties at all and that SARS had paid him back!!) She further maintained that the seller was confused and was motivated by money which the persecuting Keith Brown and CPG were providing for her.

The seller submitted a further affidavit in reply and in summary said the following:

- Since the lawyer drew up the sales agreement and Mpofu, a Chartered Accountant, knew the selling price how could they have signed documents containing such a dramatic and obvious error? Having now been caught, of course Mpofu/CTMI had to pay the outstanding balance to SARS or face prosecution. She also asked why the lawyer called her with all sorts of threats after the press article took this issue public? Why did she not immediately admit the “honest mistake”? Why this excuse long **after** the matter has been reported to the authorities?
- She produced evidence of slow payments from Mpofu who was waiting for rupees from Mauritius which meant she had agreed a loan with the lawyer concerned to alleviate cash flow constraints. (e-mails agreeing this were attached)
- She denied ever being part of CPG and denied ever meeting Keith Brown. She denied ever receiving a cent from CPG. She suggested these false and ludicrous allegations undermine Trikamjee’s entire affidavit.
- She asked what personal attacks about money, confusion and persecution of Mpofu’s church had to do with obviously fraudulent transactions through the deeds office?

The law society has recently communicated that after reviewing all the evidence a full investigation into the lawyer and this transaction will take place.

Update August 2015: After Mpofu’s lawyer cancelled attendance at a recent hearing (claiming her advocate was ill) the case is still awaiting hearing.