

Case Study Summary 120 words:

The Koingnaas community, represented by the Koingnaas Belastingbetalersvereniging (KBBV), is engaged in a significant legal dispute with the Kamiesberg Municipality. The case centers on the alleged misappropriation of R64 million in community assets transferred to the municipality in 2017, which led to a severe collapse in local services. In response, residents began self-governing and repairing infrastructure, prompting the municipality to seek a court interdict to stop them.

The matter has escalated through the legal system, with the Supreme Court of Appeal granting the KBBV leave to appeal. The case, now before a Full Bench of the High Court, questions whether citizens can provide their own services when a municipality fails its constitutional duties, alongside a financial claim for the original assets plus interest.