

Court needs paint job

There is widespread enthusiasm for a public project to clean up the Magistrate's Court.

This, according to Avis MacIntyre, a long-standing Hermanus resident, who has taken it upon herself to "get the job done".

She says she has to look the other way every time she passes the building and describes the Magistrate's Court with its grey peeling paint as a blight on the entrance to Hermanus.

MacIntyre says the court buildings have not been painted in 29 years, and the Department of Public Works has ignored calls to have it painted, citing a new court earmarked within seven years.

She said: "According to Ian Hendricks of Plascon Paints, that is how long a few good-quality coats of paint will last before the building starts looking shabby again."

The chief magistrate, LP le Roux, has been approached and has given the project his blessing.

A number of contractors were approached to put in tenders, and two were received.

MacIntyre said should enough funds come in the work will go to Walker Bay Painters, whose quote was lowest, at R91 321,25.

"It will be entirely up to the residents of Hermanus to decide when and if this project goes ahead.

The manager of Cape Whale Coast Tourism, Frieda Lloyd, has agreed to the use of the office's bank account for the sake of transparency.

Donors should please reference the payment "Magistrates' Court". A running tally will be published as the funds rush in.

For more information, send an email to MacIntyre at avism@hermanus.co.za.



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