

# **Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha**

## **Monthly Council Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2025**

### **Attendance:**

#### **Present:**

- Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Samana Kumara
- Hon. Member G.G. Palitha Kumara
- Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santha
- Hon. Member Nishantha Nandakumara Munasinghe
- Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara
- Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe
- Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijeyrathna
- Hon. Member T.M. Jagath Chaminda Kumara
- Hon. Member U.G. Dimenthra Ranganath
- Hon. Member R.J. Lional
- Hon. Member Hasitha Subodana Marathuduwege
- Hon. Member P.G. Basindya Pushpamali (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Samalsha Ushadi Wijewickrama (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Dilka Hansika Abesundara (Ms.)
- Hon. Member J.L. Sumith
- Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe

#### **Absent:**

- Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)

The first monthly meeting of the seventh term of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha was commenced at 9:30 AM on June 13, 2025, at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office council hall under the chairmanship of Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith.

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## **Agenda Items**

### **1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - None**

### **2. Special Announcements by the Chairman**

Everyone accepts with great respect. There is no party division. Everyone's expectation is to create a very good Pradeshiya Sabha. Therefore, let us all work together cooperatively.

Requesting all council members to submit budget proposals for the year 2026 before July 31, 2025.

Similarly, regarding asset and liability declarations - after taking the oath as a council member, asset and liability declarations must be submitted compulsorily. Otherwise, property can be confiscated or council membership can be revoked.

### **3. Presentation of Messages, Petitions, Complaints and Communications to the Council**

Member Harshani Gunasekara has requested leave through a letter due to illness. Leave is approved for her.

### **4. Questions Scheduled - None**

### **5. Scheduled Motions**

#### **Motion No. 5:1**

In accordance with the Pradeshiya Sabha Rules 1988 (Procedure for Conducting Business at Meetings) 2(1), I propose to the honorable council that the monthly meeting of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha be held every second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office, and if that day is a government holiday, the first working day thereafter shall be used for this purpose.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara

The motion was unanimously approved as no one objected.

#### **Motion No. 5:2**

In accordance with Section 12(1) of the Pradeshiya Sabha Act No. 15 of 1987, I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to appoint the following subject committees composed of council members to facilitate the powers and functions of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha for the year 2025:

#### **1. Finance and Policy Development Committee:**

- Hon. Chairman - Ranavira Kankanamage Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman - Kodagoda Gamage Saman Kumara
- Hon. PS Member - Athapatthu Hewa Peramunage Charith Udara
- Hon. PS Member - Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe
- Hon. PS Member - Dikkowita Kankanamage Piyadasa Wijeyrathna
- Hon. PS Member - Samalsha Ushani Wijewickrama (Ms.)
- Hon. PS Member - Hasitha Subodana Marathuduwege

## **2. Housing and Community Development Committee:**

- Hon. Chairman - Ranavira Kankanamage Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman - Kodagoda Gamage Saman Kumara
- Hon. PS Member - Rubasinge Jayawardana Lional
- Hon. PS Member - Urumutha Gamage Dimenthra Ranganath
- Hon. PS Member - Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe
- Hon. PS Member - Dilka Hansika Abesundara (Ms.)
- Hon. PS Member - Nihal Abewickramasinghe

## **3. Works Services Committee:**

- Hon. Chairman - Ranavira Kankanamage Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman - Kodagoda Gamage Saman Kumara
- Hon. PS Member - Urumutha Gamage Dimenthra Ranganath
- Hon. PS Member - Athapatthu Hewa Peramunage Charith Udara
- Hon. PS Member - Rubasinge Jayawardana Lional
- Hon. PS Member - Pannigala Gamage Basindya Pushpamali (Ms.)
- Hon. PS Member - Pahattuge Palitha Kumara

## **4. Environment and Facilities Committee:**

- Hon. Chairman - Ranavira Kankanamage Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman - Kodagoda Gamage Saman Kumara
- Hon. PS Member - Nishantha Nanda Kumara Munasinghe
- Hon. PS Member - Thella Murage Jagath Chaminda Kumara
- Hon. PS Member - Dikkowita Kankanamage Piyadasa Wijeyrathna
- Hon. PS Member - Ranchigoda Gamage Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- Hon. PS Member - Jayawardana Liyanaage Sumith

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara

### **Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:**

With permission from everyone. Hon. Chairman, I propose to include two more experienced members in the Finance Committee. If it is not possible to increase the number of committee members, two members have expressed willingness to remove two existing names and include new names.

### **Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

Hon. Member, I do not wish to increase or change the number of committee members. Because it is necessary to give opportunities to new people as well, these committees were appointed after careful consideration, so there will be no changes to the committee.

### **Amendment Motion proposed by Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

I present an amended motion to the honorable council to include the names of Hon. Member Gamachchi Pathirana Udaya Santha and Hon. Member Rubasinge Jayawardana Lionel in addition to the names mentioned for the Environment and Facilities Committee in motion 5(2) of the agenda for the monthly council meeting dated June 13, 2025.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara

[Revised committee lists repeated with amendments to Environment and Facilities Committee adding the two additional members]

The motion was unanimously approved as no one objected.

### **Motion No. 5:3**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to accept the Finance Committee itself for the Tender Committee and Procurement Committee of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijeyrathna

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Motion No. 5:4**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 2000 for the mobile phone of the Hon. Chairman as per the Provincial Commissioner of Local Government's letter No. DPPA/A/05/6/Public and dated April 23, 2009.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Motion No. 5:5**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 1500 for the mobile phone of the Hon. Vice Chairman according to Southern Provincial Council Ministerial Decision No. 508:8 and letter dated August 11, 2009.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Motion No. 5:6**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 1000 for the telephones of Hon. Pradeshiya Sabha members as per Southern Provincial Council Ministerial Decision No. 472:3 and letter dated August 05, 2008.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Motion No. 5:7**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to pay a travel expense allowance subject to a maximum of Rs. 3000 per month for the Hon. Chairman, Hon. Vice Chairman and Hon. Pradeshiya Sabha members according to the Extraordinary Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated April 22, 2013.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member R.J. Lional

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Motion No. 5:8**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to provide 600 liters per month as the monthly fuel limit for the Hon. Chairman's official vehicle, PF 7353 cab, as per the letter No. DPS/Chief Minister/A7/1/1 dated October 21, 2014 of the Hon. Chief Minister of the Southern Province.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Nishantha Nandakumara Munasinghe

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Motion No. 5:9**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to use the vehicle PF-7353 cab allocated for the official duties of the Hon. Chairman for the personal work of the Hon. Chairman after paying Rs. 300 per month to the council fund, as per the letter No. DPS/Chief Minister/A7/1/1 dated October 21, 2014 of the Hon. Chief Minister of the Southern Province.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Motion No. 5:10**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to select and appoint a qualified person as Public Relations Officer to assist the Hon. Chairman and to pay a monthly salary of Rs. 14,500.00 as per the letters from the Governor (No. G/SP/4/7/10/06 dated February 18, 2021), Provincial Commissioner of Local Government (No. 4/04/10 dated April 05, 2021) and Chief Secretary of Southern Province (No. CSS/07/01/02 dated March 30, 2021) regarding the appointment of Public Relations Officers for Chairmen of Municipal Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Southern Province.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member T.M. Jagath Chaminda Kumara

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Motion No. 5:11**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to have Secretary H.H. Asanka Kumari as the first signatory and Management Services Officer G.H. Purnima Priyadarshani as the second signatory for signing checks of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe

The motion was unanimously approved.

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## **6. Unscheduled Motions**

### **Motion No. 6:1**

I propose to the honorable council that it is appropriate to recruit a new driver on a substitute/contract basis for the official vehicle PF-7353 cab of Hon. Chairman Nilantha Dhammajith of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

**Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith **Seconded by:** Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara

**Converting the General Assembly into a Committee: Proposed by:** Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara **Seconded by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

**Converting the Committee back to General Assembly: Proposed by:** Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara **Seconded by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

A division was proposed for the above motion 6:1. **Proposed by:** Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara **Seconded by:** Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

**Voted in Favor (9 votes):**

- Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara
- Hon. Member Nishantha Nandakumara Munasinghe
- Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara
- Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe
- Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijeyrathna
- Hon. Member T.M. Jagath Chaminda Kumara
- Hon. Member U.G. Dimenthra Ranganath
- Hon. Member R.J. Lional

**Voted Against (2 votes):**

- Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara
- Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santha

**Abstained (6 votes):**

- Hon. Member Hasitha Subodana Marathuduwage
- Hon. Member P.G. Basindya Pushpamali (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Samalsha Ushadi Wijewickrama (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Dilka Hansika Abesundara (Ms.)
- Hon. Member J.L. Sumith
- Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe

The motion was approved by a majority of 7 votes.

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## **7. Approval of Committee Reports - None**

## **8. Review of Income and Expenditure Reports - None**

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## **9. Other Matters**

### **Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:**

With permission from the Chairman and council members. First, I extend my best wishes to all of you who hope to work for the development of the people of Malimbada area. I want to emphasize that we will provide our support for any justifiable work for fulfilling people's aspirations. I also thank the Secretary and staff for the service rendered to the people of Malimbada during the period when there were no public representatives. Hon. Chairman, I want to draw attention to news we came across yesterday regarding a large Attonia tree at Thelijjawila Central College. The great danger from this tree is that it is located on the main Akurugoda-

Thelijjawila road. There is a primary school about 20 feet in front of the tree. The tree is about 100 feet tall. Therefore, I request your attention to remove the tree.

Similarly, before coming to the Pradeshiya Sabha, I built a community hall in Galandankuttiya with bricks. Then, for the 60th Independence Anniversary celebration, approximately Rs. 3 million was received to build the community hall. After that, the community hall was demolished to build two floors using council funds and Provincial Local Government Department funds. Rs. 1.2 million was received from the council to build the ground floor. Rs. 200,000 was received for plastering. Then I had to take a loan available to a government servant to complete the work on the lower part of the community hall. Similarly, I thank the Secretary for going to the Provincial Local Government Department and bringing funds to complete the community hall work, spending about Rs. 6-7 million. Chairman, the upper floor was intended to be given to government officers. Therefore, I request that the ground floor be maintained for holding public meetings and the upper floor be properly established for government officers.

**Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

Recently at the Malimbada Coordination Committee meeting chaired by Matara District Parliament Member L.M. Abewickrama, we drew attention to this matter. A mud mound at Thelijjawila Central College has been falling for some time. The Pradeshiya Secretary and I contacted the Coordination Committee, where he promised to quickly remove the mud mound and restore it to its original condition. Similarly, regarding the tree you mentioned, since we have legal constraints to intervene, we will inform the Pradeshiya Secretary and take necessary action quickly.

Similarly, regarding Galandankuttiya community hall, we made a request by submitting a letter to take responsibility and receive the keys to carry out official work. In the future, the council will intervene and carry out those activities.

**Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:**

With permission from everyone again. Chairman, you are the one representing Malimbada at the District Coordination Committee. Hon. Chairman, there is no Medical Officer of Health office in Malimbada. Dr. Sugith Wickramasinghe allocated about 60 perches at Akurugoda Central Dispensary and another 10 perches for a service yard. Construction was to begin with funding from the WHO in 2025. Beyond that, there has been no connection about it. Our health center is in the old Pradeshiya Secretary's office building, and a huge amount of money goes for the rear wall. Similarly, the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau had identified it as land subject to landslides; we don't know the current situation. Therefore, I request that this matter be referred to the District Coordination Committee to build this Medical Officer of Health office.

**Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara:**

With permission from the council. Hon. Chairman, recently at the request of area residents, when we went to discuss with the health physician and staff about the library land owned by the council at Pahattu Kade, they said parking facilities are insufficient. Actually, Member Palitha, their need is to arrange and conduct clinical activities properly. They have another idea - there is

land owned by the Pradeshiya Secretary's office near the garment factory; if the Medical Officer of Health office comes near the Pradeshiya Secretary's office, police, and council, it would be convenient for the people. However, they are somewhat reluctant because if young children get diseases like meningitis after treatment, they need to be taken to the hospital quickly. They show reluctance to go inside from the junction for this reason. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:**

Hon. Chairman, I am very grateful to the Vice Chairman. If so, what is available belongs to the cooperative society under you. The police, the garment factory, the land you mentioned belongs to the cooperative society. Everyone paid rent to the cooperative department. The garment factory is closed. You should discuss and get it properly. The land where the old library is located is insufficient; we looked several times. Otherwise, there are 68 perches at the Gamsabha junction on the Matara-Akuressa main road. The land where the Grama Sabha was formerly located. We need to build this somewhere in Malimbada for the people of Malimbada.

**Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

Attention has been paid to the matters presented. The health sector is reluctant to go to Akurugoda location because of the difficulties faced by pregnant mothers and children coming to clinics. There is also a reasonable side to being in a location with road facilities. We are trying to establish a health center quickly and secure funds from the district side.

**Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara:**

With permission from Hon. Chairman. As the member representing Thelijjawila division, I first thank the people of the area for selecting and appointing me with a huge majority. I don't represent a single individual. The people of the area have kept me here with many expectations. It is my expectation to take those people's expectations as my responsibility and act during this period without harming them. First, I congratulate Hon. Chairman; he has been fighting alone as a single party in the council seat for a very long time and today he has been appointed as Chairman. It is an asset to Malimbada that he has been appointed as Chairman as someone who directly deals at the highest level of the political arena. Speaking about Thelijjawila, I'm not ready to present separate proposals. We discussed several times about properly building the Thelijjawila council building. Similarly, there are many problems with the fair ground. We can benefit from Bisodola. There are many problems at Thelijjawila junction. We will discuss these separately in the future. There are many problems regarding three-wheeler stands and unauthorized trade. Let's discuss them one by one in the future. There is no party division; everyone is a new team. The Chairman has no idea of bringing traditional politics. Only good things will be taken from tradition. Let's all intervene collectively to remove the bad name the council had. Let's work to bring council membership to a dignified status, proposing this, I remain silent, thank you.

**Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santha:**

With permission from the Chairman and council members. I wish that the next 4 years will be a time when the people's aspirations in the area can be fulfilled. I want to express my thanks to all

the voters who voted and elected me to the council representing Horagoda division. The Chairman declared at the beginning that regardless of the political party, let's work as one team for the welfare of the people. Gratefully accepting that invitation, I will provide support at any moment necessary to fulfill people's expectations. From the President onwards, many state institutions have reduced expenses, setting an example for the people. That's why I voted against recruiting a substitute driver for the Chairman's official vehicle when there are drivers at the council. When working with you as a brother member in the council before, you must have seen some shortcomings in some activities; we expressed opposition at that time. Similarly, we supported good causes. Even though I received council membership from a different party, I hope to receive support without any hesitation for the welfare of Horagoda people. The brother member stated while expressing his views that there is a bad opinion about the council in society. I want to reject that opinion. Neither the Chairman nor members can do such things; supervision and payments all happen through government officers. To what extent are politicians accused, an equal amount is also accused of government officers. During the period without members, the Secretary and staff did a huge task by listening to people's requests. I want to express my thanks to her and the staff for that. If everyone's aspiration is Malimbada development, let's work together and contribute to that development, inviting this, I remain silent, thank you.

**Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

I believe something should be added to the member's opinion. What the member's speech briefly meant was that chairmen and members cannot commit fraud, corruption, or theft without officers. I agree with that. It cannot be done. I'm clarifying this because only officers are accused. In some situations, officers face difficulties due to pressure from political authority. In our previous administration, officers were not allowed such situations. For example, a motion came to distribute books in the area from council funds. I was the only one who voted against it. That motion was passed with everyone's vote. Officers intervened and rejected it as it was not legal. I assure at this time that during our administration period, these officers will not be invited to any wrong activity.

**Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijeyrathna:**

With permission from everyone. Chairman, first I want to pay my respects to the high activism of the National People's Power. I represent Kirimetimulla division. I pay my respectful thanks to all the people in that area for voting for me. Chairman, I represent both Kirimetimulla North and South areas. There is a community hall built when about 60 families lived there; now about 840 families live in that area. Therefore, the community hall is not sufficient. Similarly, even electricity was disconnected; through the Secretary's intervention, electricity was obtained again. It is in a very dilapidated condition. There is also a sports ground nearby; if that is also improved, it would be very valuable.

Chairman, similarly in the Kirimetimulla South area, there is a large land allocated for a sports ground. Currently, weeds have grown and it is being used for various inappropriate activities. As it is a place that can be beneficially used by the people of the area, I declare to the honorable council that it is important to investigate this and use it beneficially.

**Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

If the member goes to present proposals under other matters, all 18 members will take a long time. Therefore, present proposals in advance. Other matters mentioned in the agenda are for presenting brief matters. If you go to present as proposals, it becomes difficult to conduct the council. If any difficulty arises in conducting the council, the Chairman will have to stop that member's speech. I take this as an opportunity to assure that your responsibility as the area member is to involve the council for development activities, not presenting as criticisms or proposals. I declare that I will use the power as Chairman at any time when conducting the council becomes difficult.

**Hon. Member J.L. Sumith:**

With permission from Hon. Chairman and everyone. I have been elected to the council from the United National Party representing Algiriya division. I thank the group leadership who took the initiative and the Algiriya area residents at this opportunity. I believe everyone's support will be provided without party division for development activities in the area, and I am very happy about being elected to this council as a member. Thank you.

**Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe:**

With permission from the council. Hon. Chairman, I have been elected to the council as a member from Dampella division as a list member. I take this as an opportunity to express my thanks to the high leadership of the party. I remember the Dampella people who supported me at this opportunity. I declare my full cooperation in public works and development activities in the area and remain silent, thank you.

**Hon. Member R.J. Lional:**

With permission from everyone. Hon. Chairman, I represent 3 Grama Niladhari divisions in Galp amuna division. First, I pay my thanks to all the people who selected and sent me from the National People's Power. I remain silent wishing that strength and courage be given to all members including you and the Secretary and staff to implement the development programs we expect in Malimbada area, thank you.

**Hon. Member Hasitha Subodana Marathuduwage:**

Hon. Chairman, members, I was elected to the Pradeshiya Sabha representing an independent group. Actually, I'm happy to have the opportunity to work with someone like you. From your speech itself, it was understood that you have come to do work. Since I am not connected to any party, I will provide my support for all good activities. As Charith said, let's work together to uplift Malimbada within this period. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Member P.G. Basindya Pushpamali (Ms.):**

With permission from Hon. Chairman and council members. I was elected as a member from Malimbada division representing Samagi Jana Balawegaya. While being grateful to Chanaka Mallawa and the people of Malimbada area for their support, I also declare that I will provide maximum support to fulfill the needs of Malimbada people and remain silent, thank you.

**Hon. Member T.M. Jagath Chaminda Kumara:**

With permission from everyone. Hon. Chairman, today is a special day, especially for me. Because we were not people who thought of doing politics. First, I am grateful to the leadership and brotherhood of the National People's Power for the trust placed in me. Based on that trust, I have been elected as the representative of 3 Grama Niladhari divisions in Akurugoda division. While paying my thanks to the people of that area and taking that trust as a responsibility, our goal is to fulfill the aspirations of Malimbada people without party division; we can work together. There may be various shortcomings while working. We will correct them through the Chairman's experience and the Secretary's and staff's cooperation. If we can see Malimbada better in the next 4 years than the current situation, that is the victory we have achieved. I remain silent praying that strength be given to everyone, thank you.

**Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**

There is an announcement to make to everyone. There is a coconut shortage in the area. To give proper understanding of how to properly maintain a coconut tree at home for that, the Secretary and officers have organized a training program on the 18th at 10 AM at Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha auditorium; have everyone interested in coconut cultivation participate in that program. A clarification needs to be made about the matters presented. Member Udaya Santha expressed views about recruiting a driver. His opinion was to minimize expenses. We will decide later whether to take a driver or not. Every chairman took a driver, not for another reason. Security and trust are matters to be considered in politics. I trust the drivers of this institution; I also have the confidence to involve them as the Chairman's driver at any time. That motion was presented based on the point that it may be necessary at some time. Regarding cost reduction, allowances are paid for home landline phones for Chairman and Vice Chairman; we rejected that. Many privileges available to a chairman have been reduced. A monthly allowance of Rs. 25,000 is received. Committee allowances have not been presented to the council. Whether to take them or not will be decided in the future. Members agreed to work cooperatively. I again request that when a work proposal comes, members have three opportunities: voting for or against or abstaining from voting. You will decide based on your political vision, reading and understanding. Make that decision in such a way that every decision does not harm your dignity and pride. I remind that every such decision affects the people who voted for you.

After the Chairman's vote of thanks, the council's business was concluded at approximately 11:10 AM.

**Chairman Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha**