

Monthly Council Meeting Report - 2025.07.08

Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha

Attendance:

- Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara
- Hon. Member G.G. Palitha Kumara
- Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa
- Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara
- 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. Lionel
- Hon. Member Hashitha Subodana Marathuduwege
- Hon. Member P.G. Basindya Pushpamali
- Hon. Member Samalsha Ushadi Wijewickrama
- Hon. Member Dilka Hansika Abeysundara
- Hon. Member J.L. Sumith
- Hon. Member Nihal Abeywickramasinghe

The monthly council meeting for July 2025 of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha commenced at 9:30 AM on 2025.07.08 under the chairmanship of Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith at the council meeting hall of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office.

Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe arrived and took his seat at 9:35 AM.

1. Approval of Previous Council Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the general assembly held on June 13, 2025.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

2. Special Announcements by the Chairman

- The Matara District Special Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on 2025.07.11 at 2:00 PM under the chairmanship of His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Anura Kumara Dissanayake, at the Matara District Secretariat auditorium, for your information.

- A devotional songs program organized jointly by the Community Development Division and the Library has been prepared to be held on the Poya day, July 10. Invitation letters will be given to all members. Everyone is requested to participate and provide support.

Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara arrived and took her seat at 9:50 AM.

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

Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

- Residents of Dolamulla have made a request through a letter regarding the development of Dolamulla Road. There are 6 houses on this road. None of the 6 have a proper road access. Although informed on several occasions, due to non-fulfillment, residents have again made a request through a letter.
- A letter has been submitted stating that the Horagoda Bhagyagama Sarvodaya financial institution does not have an office. There is council land near the cooperative that has become overgrown. They are requesting to be given a portion of that land to build an office.

Hon. Member P.G. Basindya Pushpamali

- There is a coconut tree in a dangerous condition about 100 meters from the first lane of Wallathota Road. The council and the Electricity Board have been informed. No action has been taken yet. The people of the area have made a request through a letter regarding this.

4. Questions Due on Time - None

5. Motions Due on Time

Motion No. 5:1

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to identify locations on concrete roads owned by our council that require repairs and carry out repairs to those locations.

Proposed by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa Seconded by: Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara

Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Hon. Chairman, I am presenting this motion regarding the condition of several roads in the Horagoda division. This is not a problem unique to Horagoda. This condition can be seen on many roads throughout the electoral area. In the mountainous area called Bibulgoda, potholes have formed and no vehicle can go up. Since it's a concrete road, it should be renovated with concrete. Although many roads are in good condition, we have problems with the quality of some roads. The road leading to Horagoda Nape Royal College had a major problem throughout the past period. A few people from the village gathered and covered it with about a cement bag's

worth of concrete. I propose to repair such essential places. Chairman, if the council can supply raw materials, labor can be provided by villagers.

Hon. Member R.J. Lionel

Chairman, before this government was established, during the presidential election, we planned everything including road repairs in all ten divisions, concreting drainage roads, etc. There are many identified problems. In the future, all of this will happen as a collective decision.

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara

Hon. Chairman, from Lionel member's comments, it was expressed that problems regarding roads in the division have been identified and plans have been made for the future. We are grateful to the current government for paying attention to this. Similarly, it will take about 6 months to a year to receive allocations for those works. Udaya Santa member is not referring to that matter. The point is that if a certain location on a certain road is broken, let's identify such locations and prevent further deterioration and protect the road. As an example, there is a hole on Kotpaha temple road that can be fixed with about 3 cement bags. I state that investigating and taking action on this is a valuable action.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

Lionel member's idea was that we have identified those roads and submitted them. We have now approved about 77 roads at the coordination committee for repairs. In addition to that, there may be roads identified as locations. As an example, about 50 meters near Sevapiyasa on the Dampalla Bokutugahena road is completely broken. Members should inform the council of such locations they have identified. The council will prepare a schedule and intervene quickly. If left for a long time, a small amount of work will require spending a large amount. That motion is good, we appreciate it.

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to identify locations on concrete roads owned by our council that require repairs and carry out repairs to those locations, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 5:2

Since street lights installed in the council area being lit during daytime is a major problem, I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to inform the resident near the location where street lights are installed in writing about the importance of that street light and develop a proper procedure to include street lights in proper maintenance.

Proposed by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa Seconded by: Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara

Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Chairman, the greatest service a council can provide at night is street lighting. Every year, a large amount of money is spent on this, and at some locations, street lights are on even at 12 noon. Therefore, I propose to the council that we create a schedule by giving custodianship in writing

and noting telephone numbers to be informed during maintenance work. I also thank the gentleman who carries out street light maintenance work. Thank you.

Hon. Member G.G. Palitha Kumara

Chairman, I would like to know how much is currently being paid by the Electricity Board. For a long time, attempts were made to create a procedure regarding this but failed. If possible, Secretary, when newly selling lands, give the responsibility to the seller to illuminate that area. There is preparation to sell the land on the left when going towards Akurugoda Shanthiwaththa. We have lost 40 perches of that. When we went to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, a gentleman named Nihal told us that when that land is sold, that land extent will be given to us. According to the Electricity Board consumer act, when an area becomes populated, payment should be made to the local government body. The current in the transformer should also be increased. Even the electricity coming to houses has decreased, causing even light bulbs in homes to become inactive quickly.

Hon. Member R.J. Lionel

Chairman, the member presented 2 good motions. If we can, we should use solar lights in the future, then the problem you mentioned won't occur. I think it's appropriate for the Pradeshiya Sabha to purchase solar lights and a generator in the future.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

Looking at the matters presented, people's enthusiasm to install an electric light is not there after installation. That's human nature, so it's difficult to think the problem will be solved just by giving a document. I have instructed to remove from unnecessary locations and install street lights in necessary places. There's no way to install new street lights; the Electricity Board has made calculations. They have made bills and sent them; if we go to make payments, a very large amount has to be paid. There's the E-Sabha app; if people become familiar with it, information can be obtained quickly and solutions can be reached quickly. Let's send a few letters, member, because it's a service; the legal aspect must also be considered. It's work that should be done with feeling; there must be a change in people's attitudes. That's why it's noticeable when removed from places that should be removed. Solar lights are a very good suggestion. The price is a bit high. Some places don't have electricity poles, so although street lights are needed, there's no way to install them. Solar street lights are also a good solution for that. A discussion is ongoing at the district level with a company to purchase solar street lights at a low price. In the future, we will allocate some money and pay attention to this. Our council has many shortcomings; for example, in a disaster situation, if a tree falls, our council doesn't have an electric saw to remove it. A document with council deficiencies is being prepared, and a generator is also included in it.

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to inform the resident near the location where street lights are installed in the council area in writing about the importance of that street light and develop a proper procedure to include street lights in proper maintenance since street lights being lit during daytime is a major problem, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 5:3

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to develop the following roads where work was started and stopped under the Road Development Authority.

- Akurugoda North Gal'andakuttiya main road
- Telijjawila Samarasingarama road
- Nugaduwa Kosinduwa road
- Dampalla Kadduwa road Kekkunawela junction to Beruwela Higaththa through Paradhuwa road
- Akurugoda Gamagewaththa road
- Akurugoda Paranawaththena road system
- Akurugoda Rosewood road system
- Telijjawila Gunasekara Road
- Malimbada Gunasekara Road

Proposed by: Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara

Hon. Chairman, I am making this motion because in the recent past, measurement work was done on roads and work was started, with contract companies taking 10% or 20% of the money. I thank Hon. Chairman Abeywickrama for referring to relevant officials to investigate this at the Malimbada Coordination Committee. Similarly, regarding the purchase of land for the Malimbada Health Medical Officer's office discussed at the last council, seeing the way Abeywickrama and the Chairman and government officials are intervening and working, as someone who wants to see the expectations of the people in the area fulfilled, I went home that day very happy. I request you to give new members an opportunity to participate in the coordination committee. In addition to these roads mentioned, there are 2 more roads: Horagoda Saikadupitiya road and Pathegama road. That day you were told at the committee that RDA is ready to start work there. Since work has started on Pol'arambagoda through Horagoda Polpitiya road, I didn't include it in this motion. Telijjawila Gunasekara Road work has started but there's a culvert and side wall there, so I added that road. Also, Sulthanagoda Kos'arambagoda road. Hon. Member, I couldn't add it. Include Kirimandala road as well. The contract company has full authority to inquire about these roads within the division. Mr. Mahanama from the RDA Meddawatta office examined these roads under the 47th package. I request the Chairman to intervene regarding this.

Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara

Hon. Chairman, regarding the motion mentioned by Palitha member about work started and stopped, we need clarification. We don't have awareness about it. Those roads mentioned should be developed. There was a place where water collected on Gunasekara Road where a culvert was informally installed. It was renovated and given through the Chairman's intervention. There are two or three places broken on Walpita road; it would be good if those can also be corrected quickly. Let's investigate and find out about connection through the Road Development Authority. I present as a motion to intervene through the council for the side wall of Gunasekara Road. Thank you.

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara

Hon. Chairman, all these roads are carpeted roads. There were signed agreements with the Road Development Authority. Since work is not happening on the road through that institution and it's difficult to travel on the road, the Secretary intervened in the recent past and built the initial part of Gunasekara Road. Gravel was laid from Paragahawaththa to near the school teacher's house. There was a culvert there. That's where the large water stream from Biso stream, Samarasingarama tank, Telijjawila Bibula flows. The side wall from near the former Election Commissioner's house to near Kalu Arachchi's house has been installed. But from there onwards. Near Ms. Threema Vithana's house, a channel has been created to lower that water. Since a large number of students go to Telijjawila Central College, I request that the culvert be widened and a protective wall be built.

Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Chairman, two roads not mentioned in Palitha member's motion are Horagoda Pathegama road and Horagoda Polpitiya Ekamuthu Road. Both these roads are council roads; on both of these, all side walls have been completed by RDA contractors. A road that was at the level of laying ABC and carpet is now in complete disrepair. We are not aware of how much money is to be paid or whether it has been paid. Let's inquire from RDA and obtain information. I request that the council intervene and complete work on these two roads quickly.

Hon. Member R.J. Lionel

Chairman, Adamwaththa road is also among the roads where work was stopped by the Road Development Authority. All these roads took 20%. Malimbada Ogaspa Gunasekara Road is also called Tholupota road. On the other side, it connects to Samagi Road. It's an alternative road. It's in completely dilapidated condition. Similarly, Nugaduwa Kosinduwa road is the same way. The initial section has been concreted but both sides, 265 meters, have not been done. This road can access the expressway, Matara Akuessa main road, and children can easily access Palathuwa Gunarathna College. The Galpamuna area alternative route can use Kosinduwa road when submerged by floods. We have submitted Adamwaththa to work proposals. At the very top of Adamwaththa is a tank called Ulupattaldeniya tank. It's a very scenic place. If this road is developed through there, it will be a place for domestic and foreign tourists to see. Therefore, I request that this road also be included.

Hon. Member Nihal Abeywickramasinghe

Chairman, among the roads stopped midway by RDA is the road to Maragoda Purwarama Temple. There are two roads from the main road and through Kekkunawela. Similarly, I request that work be completed quickly by installing the drainage system on the road to the Chairman's house side. Thank you.

Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara

Chairman, the people living on Gamunu Road made a request that the installation of the drainage system on Gamunu Road near Kirimandalagewathththa has been stopped midway. The people of that area also request you to complete it.

Hon. Member J.L. Sumith

Hon. Chairman, Algiriya Bibulakade Pitiwilahena road is also such a road, currently at a very difficult level to travel. I request that that road also be renovated.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

Members, regarding those matters, we can investigate and get an opinion about built roads, half-built roads, and the manner of payment, and whether if money is available, we can get it from RDA or have RDA build it; the council will make an intervention. Whether Pitiwilahena road is one of these can be known after making an inquiry. A lot of work has been completed on Gunasekara Road. The divisional member had identified 3 locations as matters requiring quick intervention. One is a side wall; the other is two culverts where water gets blocked. The technical officer intervened and made estimates for 2 culverts. The council can do that in the future. Taking Nihal member's matter, that road is also among the seventy-something roads we identified. All those works can be completed quickly in the future.

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to develop the above-mentioned roads where work was started and stopped under the Road Development Authority, it was unanimously approved by the council.

6. Motions Not Properly Scheduled

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

Motion No. 6:1

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to approve the project of allocating Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha owned lands for coconut cultivation and cinnamon cultivation.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to approve the project of allocating Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha owned lands for coconut cultivation and cinnamon cultivation, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 6:2

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to approve the 2025 - theoretical and practical training project related to ground flower cultivation.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to approve the 2025 - theoretical and practical training project related to ground flower cultivation, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 6:3

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on 2025.06.23.

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

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on 2025.06.23, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 6:4

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on 2025.06.23.

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

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on 2025.06.23, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 6:5

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on 2025.07.04.

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

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on 2025.07.04, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 6:6

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to approve the Industrial Services Committee report held on 2025.06.17.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

Transforming the General Assembly into a Standing Committee

Proposed by: Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

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Proposed by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

The above motion

Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to approve the Industrial Services Committee report held on 2025.06.17, it was unanimously approved by the council.

Motion No. 6:7

I propose to the Hon. Council that it is appropriate to install an AC compressor for cab vehicle 252-6517.

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

Accordingly, as no one opposed the motion to install an AC compressor for cab vehicle 252-6517, it was unanimously approved by the council.

7) Approval of Standing Committee Reports/Committee Reports - None

8) Consideration of Income and Expenditure Reports

The June 2025 income and expenditure report was presented.

9) Other Matters - None

After the Chairman's vote of thanks, the council proceedings concluded at approximately 11:30 AM.

Chairman Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha