

Minutes of the 5th Monthly General Meeting held on October 14, 2025

7th Council Session of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha

Attendance:

- Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith
- Hon. Vice Chairman K.G. Saman Kumara
- Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara
- Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santha
- Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Nishantha Nandakumara Munasinghe
- Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara
- Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe
- Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijayarathna
- Hon. Member T.M. Jagath Chaminda Kumara
- Hon. Member U.G. Dimenthra Ranganatha
- Hon. Member R.J. Layanal
- Hon. Member P.G. Basindya Pushpamali (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Samalsha Ushadi Wijewickrama (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Dilka Hansika Abeysundara (Ms.)
- Hon. Member J.L. Sumith
- Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe

Absent:

- Hon. Member Hashitha Subodana Marathduwage

The monthly council meeting for October 2025 of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha commenced at 9:30 AM on October 14, 2025, under the chairmanship of Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith at the council meeting hall of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office.

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Hon. Chairman proposed that the minutes of the monthly general meeting held on September 9, 2025, be approved as read or with amendments.

Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara seconded this motion.

Subsequently, Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijayarathna proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2025, be approved without amendments as there were no corrections required. Hon. Member Nishantha Nandakumara Munasinghe seconded this motion.

Accordingly, the minutes of the monthly general meeting held on September 9, 2025, were unanimously approved without amendments by the members present.

2. Special Announcements by the Chairman

Hon. Member Hashitha Subodana Marathduwage has informed that he will not be attending today's general meeting due to illness.

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

Letter regarding "Preventing S.N. Samarawickrama's house from becoming unsafe due to the development of Gamunu Mawatha, Central Park under the Kilometer Lakshaya program" was tabled.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

Member Palitha has submitted a petition signed by villagers stating that during the development of the aforementioned road, Ms. S.N. Samarawickrama's house has become unsafe and that a retaining wall of appropriate size should be constructed for the house, and that there is no objection to this. Previously, the Vice Chairman received a letter objecting to the construction of a retaining wall, saying it was not necessary. Therefore, we will take necessary action after a site inspection regarding this matter.

Letter regarding "Payment of electricity bills for Horagoda Community Hall" was tabled.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

Member Udaya Santha has sent this letter. The preschool that was operating in the community hall has now been closed, and there is a problem regarding electricity bill payments. Although electricity was obtained with personal funds, since the electricity bill is in the name of the council, a request has been made for the council to pay the electricity bill.

Letter regarding "Obtaining office facilities for the Community Water Project" was tabled.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

The Horagoda Samagi Community-Based Organization has sent this letter. Member Udaya Santha acts as its chairman. Water is supplied to about 160 families from this water project, and it has been reported that there is no office to conduct activities properly. They are requesting one of the two unused rooms in the community hall owned by the council on the premises of Horagoda Sri Wardhanarama Temple for maintaining this office. They state that the electricity

bill for the community hall can be paid by the community water project. Taking both letters into consideration, we will arrange to provide a room in the community hall for maintaining this project office.

Letter regarding "Installing a name board for the road" was tabled.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

A letter has been sent requesting permission to display a name board for Kaekilla Palewila Road near the Weligama-Matara Road belonging to Sulthanagoda East Grama Niladhari division. We will inform by letter granting permission to install the name board without obstructing the road.

Letter regarding "Renovation of shop room" was tabled.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

Mr. P.R. Vasantha Kumara, who conducts a commercial business at No. 9 Kabella, Horagoda Kadapola address, has sent a letter stating that the roof of the business premises is damaged and it is an obstacle to conducting business. We will arrange for renovation work to be carried out under the supervision of the Technical Officer.

At 9:45 AM, Hon. Members R.G. Harshani Gunasekara, P.G. Basindya Pushpamali, Samalsha Ushadi Wijewickrama, J.L. Sumith, and Nihal Abewickramasinghe arrived and took their seats in the council.

4. Questions for which Notice has been given - None

5. Motions for which Notice has been given

Motion No. 5:1

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on August 21, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on August 21, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:2

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on September 2, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on September 2, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:3

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on September 23, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Finance and Policy Planning Committee report held on September 23, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:4

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on August 4, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on August 4, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion 5:5 was withdrawn by the Hon. Chairman.

Motion No. 5:6

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on August 21, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on August 21, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:7

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on August 27, 2025.

Moved by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith Seconded by: Hon. Member U.G. Dimenthra Ranganatha

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on August 27, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

At 9:50 AM, Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara arrived and took his seat in the council.

Motion 5:8 was withdrawn by the Hon. Chairman.

Conversion of General Meeting to Committee Stage (9:55 AM)

Moved by: Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara Seconded by: Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santha

Committee reports were discussed during the committee stage.

Reconversion of Committee to General Meeting (10:20 AM)

Moved by: Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara Seconded by: Hon. Member Chaminda Kumara Gamachchi Wickramasinghe

Motion No. 5:9

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on September 8, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on September 8, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:10

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Procurement Committee report held on September 12, 2025.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on September 12, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion 5:11 was withdrawn by the Hon. Chairman. Motion 5:12 was withdrawn by the Hon. Chairman.

Motion No. 5:13

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the Works Services Committee report held on September 25, 2025.

Moved by: Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith Seconded by: Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijayarathna

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to approve the Procurement Committee report held on September 25, 2025, was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:14

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to purchase a shredder machine for the compost yard of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

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

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to purchase a shredder machine for the compost yard of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:15

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to develop Weladagoda Gamagewaththa Road.

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

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:

Hon. Chairman, I'm asking this because if it's a road not in the gazette, it will be an encroachment. Gamagewaththa Road ends on one side near Bogaha. It goes from the hillside near Amila's house to the top of the hill. There's also a need for a retaining wall. The road is about 150 meters long. I'd like to know which direction this road will be built.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

This refers to the road from the Matara-Akuressa road to Mr. Vasantha's house. Both sides of this road need development. The Technical Officer will go and decide whether a retaining wall or a culvert is needed. All such matters are included in development.

The Hon. Chairman called for a vote on the above motion. Accordingly, the motion to develop Weladagoda Gamagewaththa Road was unanimously approved as none of the members present showed any opposition.

Motion No. 5:16

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the budget prepared for the year 2026 of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

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

Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara:

Hon. Chairman, I request that a special session be held on another day to discuss the 2026 budget proposals in more detail.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

I believe there's no need for another day. Today has been dedicated for this purpose. If today is not enough, we'll go to another day.

Hon. Member R.J. Layanal:

Hon. Chairman, postponing to another day is a waste of time and effort, so let's dedicate maximum time today and discuss the budget proposals.

Hon. Member D.K. Piyadasa Wijayarathna:

Hon. Chairman, there's no need to postpone to another day. Let's discuss this today.

Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara:

Hon. Chairman, thank you for giving me another opportunity to speak. We are dedicated to public service. Therefore, not just today, 2026 is very special for us. This is the inaugural budget of this council session as well as the Chairman's inaugural budget. The 2026 budget is not something to be discussed in a council with 35 motions. The entire development process and progress of next year should be discussed in the 2026 budget. There are only 4 members representing the previous council. All others are new members. We cannot say there's no time to

study this. We need time to work and speak for the people. I very kindly request again to call a special council session.

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:

Hon. Chairman, this is your inaugural budget as well as this council's inaugural budget. That's why Member Harshani made that proposal. That's also why I seconded it. Similarly, the budget draft was discussed before discussing the budget document in the council. The budget draft has never been discussed in the council on any day. We also need an opportunity to express views on this income and expenditure. Members submitted proposals for the budget hoping that even if they're not implemented in the village, they'll at least be included in the budget proposal. In previous councils, a budget draft was discussed and then the budget was discussed, so I request that an opportunity be provided.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

Members, if we can't finish discussing today, we'll complete the budget discussion on another day. We submitted the draft to the finance committee and set aside today for budget discussion. You have the opportunity to reject this if it's not suitable. That's your right. If a division is needed, there's opportunity for that too.

Hon. Member R.J. Layanal:

Hon. Chairman, the budget should be discussed today. If today is not enough, it's reasonable to request another day.

Hon. Member Samalsha Ushadi Wijewickrama:

Hon. Chairman, I also say we need further study on this. Therefore, I also request to postpone to another day.

Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe:

With permission from the Hon. Chairman and everyone. As Member Harshani said, because it's the inaugural budget, I tried to read and understand more about this. Some deficiencies are apparent, so I also would like to request postponement to another day.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

The budget document was sent well in advance. If there are deficiencies, there's opportunity to make amendments. Therefore, I think that time for study is sufficient. There's no need to give more time. That's the final decision.

At 11:05 AM, Hon. Member Udayasantha temporarily left the council.

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:

Hon. Chairman, I want to know if only finance committee members need to know about the budget draft. Similarly, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman has the power. I have been a Vice Chairman of this council for 10 years. During that time, there were many things allocated to us. I hoped that in this budget, at least a separate place allocated to the Vice Chairman would be constructed. In this budget with 33 work proposals, there are no work proposals for Akurugoda or Horagoda. I was the first to submit work proposals. I submitted work proposals that could generate income. There's money to build Malimbada Health Medical Officer's Office, Akurugoda Health Medical Officer's Office, and Veterinary Office. For next year, staff and member allowances need to be increased by about 40%. Various feasible proposals were brought. We gave maximum support for that. Adding some amount to last year's prices doesn't make a budget. This isn't about the budget talk but about postponement. Speaking about health, garbage collection, disease prevention—these are the same things done every day. I want to know what crematorium work means. In the past, no road was built with Malimbada Sabha's money. We saved that money because we needed to build a crematorium for the people of this town. If some money is saved, thanks should go to the Secretary. I request again to provide a separate day for the budget and conclude. Thank you.

At 11:08 AM, Hon. Member Udayasantha returned and took his seat in the council.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

We're discussing the budget. That's the final decision. If today isn't enough, we'll give another day. Let's discuss as much as possible today. If a division is needed, there's opportunity for that too.

At 11:30 AM, Hon. Member R.J. Layanal temporarily left the council.

Conversion of General Meeting to Committee Stage (11:30 AM)

Moved by: Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara Seconded by: Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe

[Multiple members temporarily left and returned to the council between 11:32 AM and 11:46 AM]

Matters requiring clarification related to budget proposals were discussed in committee stage with subject officers.

Reconversion of Committee to General Meeting (11:55 AM)

Moved by: Hon. Member Udayasantha Seconded by: Hon. Member Nihal Abewickramasinghe

Hon. Member Udayasantha:

Hon. Chairman, I was elected to this council as a member on behalf of the Horagoda electorate with their hopes. Although I submitted certain matters for the 2026 budget proposals, I express

my regret that they were not mentioned. However, the Chairman's statement said that just because it's not in the budget doesn't mean it can't be done. If that statement becomes a reality, that's what we hope for too. Although I contested under the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, since we didn't have the level to gain power as a party at that time, I told the people I would work for Horagoda needs by supporting whichever party comes to power. Since there's no member representing the current ruling party in the council, I believe my support is needed for council work on behalf of Horagoda. There's some regret, Chairman, when certain government-funded matters occur in my electorate—for example, foundation stones were laid and inaugurations occurred for two houses with you presiding, we saw photos. We didn't receive any notification or invitation. Anyway, in recent days I listened to the opinions of people who voted for me. Their request was not to oppose the budget and isolate Horagoda, but to support the budget and achieve our aspirations. I bow to that people's request. We need a backbone to say good is good and bad is bad. Taking the budget proposal, there are matters we can agree with as well as matters we cannot agree with. Horagoda has council-owned lands, some not included. I request attention to that. One proposal I submitted was to establish a research unit at Telijjawila Library. That proposal is included in the budget. I'm grateful for that and express my support for this budget proposal and conclude. Thank you.

[Additional member statements continue with similar support for or concerns about the budget]

Amended Budget Motion

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith presented the amended motion:

I move to the honorable council that it is appropriate to approve the budget prepared for the year 2026 of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha with the following amendments:

[Technical amendments to various budget line items are listed, including corrections to expenditure estimates, revenue codes, and totals]

The amended budget motion presented by the Hon. Chairman was seconded by Hon. Member A.H.P. Charith Udara.

Hon. Chairman R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:

Member Harshani has requested a division and we agree to it. The voting process for the 2026 amended budget proposal is handed over to the Secretary.

Voting Results:

No.	Member Name	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
1-12, 14-18	[Various members listed]	10	7	-	1
Total		10	7		1

Accordingly, from the number of members present, 10 members including the Hon. Chairman voted in favor of the budget proposal while 7 members voted against. Thus, the 2026 amended budget of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha was approved by a majority of 3 votes from the members present.

The council was adjourned for lunch at 2:20 PM.

The council reconvened after lunch at 2:45 PM.

Additional Motions (Nos. 5:17-5:35)

[The document continues with numerous additional motions regarding library memberships, operational plans, audit plans, procurement plans, human resource development plans, waste management plans, land transfers, rental agreements, road developments, condolence motions, and various infrastructure projects. Each motion follows similar format with mover, seconder, and unanimous approval.]

6. Motions for which Notice has not been given

[Additional motions regarding member leave approval, training programs, bus stand renovations, and other matters]

7. Approval of Committee/Board Reports - None

8. Review of Income and Expenditure Reports

September month account reports were presented to the council.

9. Other Matters

Hon. Member P.G. Palitha Kumara:

Hon. Acting Chairman, the road in Malimbada Central Park land was carpeted under the Kilometer Lakshaya project. Several places were identified as severely prone to landslides. About 50 meters into Central Park, the condition of the house belonging to Ms. S.M. Samarawickrama is known to all of you. This road was cut by RD. Here the initial retaining wall was dug about 6-7 feet down, 4 feet wide, and about 3 feet up. The retaining wall on the other side of the house was completely finished. We didn't get the opportunity to complete this retaining wall. There are several reasons. According to the NBRO report, a retaining wall must necessarily be constructed. Ms. Samarawickrama's house is suffering severe damage. Necessary letters have been sent to the Hon. Chairman. Similarly, a letter signed by Central Park landowners stating that the retaining wall construction is appropriate is being tabled at this time. If it can't be built, we're asking why RD cut it, and we also made a Right to Information Act

request which also states that constructing this retaining wall is appropriate. We request that this retaining wall, which was cut and work stopped by them, be completed.

The Hon. Acting Chairman concluded with a vote of thanks, and the council proceedings ended at approximately 4:30 PM.

Chairman Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha