

MALIMBADA PRADESHIYA SABHA
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes - January 4, 2023

Date: 2023.01.03

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ATTENDANCE:

- Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman
- Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar
- Hon. Member Saman Denipitiyage
- Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe
- Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula
- Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe
- Hon. Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda
- Hon. Member Disna Dharmawardhana (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Rachitha Mohotti
- Hon. Member Peramunage Ajith Nalaka
- Hon. Member Chaminda Sagara Edirisooriya Maddumaghe
- Hon. Member Pitiduwa Gamage Vimalawansa
- Hon. Member A.H. Nirosha Pushpadari (Ms.)
- Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Pannigala Gamage Taranga (Ms.)
- Hon. Member G.P. Udayasantha
- Hon. Member R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

The monthly council meeting of Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha for January 2023 commenced at 10:30 AM on January 4, 2022, at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office under the chairmanship of Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes dated 2022.12.09

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Hon. Member Pitiduwa Gamage Vimalawansa:

Mr. Chairman, I objected that the special council meeting of 2022.12.09 was illegal. Please include that in the minutes.

****Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman:****

Honorable Member, I accepted your request. I didn't disregard it. I accepted your first point as it was. Also, regarding your request, I sought advice from the Provincial Commissioner and sent a letter asking for a response. If the Provincial Commissioner says it's illegal, we'll have to remove it. So, as I see it, this is legal. That's why I held the special council meeting. There's no problem. We'll note your objection. We haven't set it aside. If necessary, I'll read the letter that was sent.

Accordingly, the meeting minutes of the monthly council meeting held on 2022.12.09 were unanimously approved.

****Approval of General Council Meeting Minutes dated 2022.12.13****

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Today's meeting may be the last meeting. From tomorrow, we may be dissolved. Nominations may be called for up to 3 months of work. It may extend for a year. One of these things will happen. I have acted legally in conducting the council. Let me say that we should correct mistakes and act as a council.

3. PRESENTATION OF MESSAGES, PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following letters were tabled:

- Letter from Horagoda Muslim Gammana residents regarding "Transfer of cemetery land adjacent to Horagoda Mira Jumma Mosque to the mosque"
- Letter from Hinnakmulla Karantolla villagers regarding "Road and land from Karantolla Hinnakmulla to Walgamuwatta"
- Letter from Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption regarding "Receipt of bribes during official duties"
- Letter from Horagoda, Adadola, Bloomin Kids Preschool Principal regarding "Misuse of Pradeshiya Sabha property"
- Letter from Medagedara, Akurugoda, Telijjavila U.A. Dayapala regarding "Exemption from shop tax"
- Letter from Development Officer H.B. Ganesha Geethani (Ms.) regarding "Compost project Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha December 2022 income-expenditure report"
- Letter from E.L. Madhura Deepika regarding "Service of cab vehicle number PF-7353"
- Letter from Horagoda, Bogodawatta member G.P. Udayasantha regarding "Obtaining assistance for the shrine"

- Letter from W.K. Dasinka Udayanga regarding "Gadawila liquid fertilizer and solid fertilizer project December income/expenditure (recurrent and capital) report"

4. QUESTIONS DULY DEFERRED - None

5. MOTIONS DULY DEFERRED

MOTION NO. 5:1

Approval of Finance Committee Report dated 2022/12/09

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

DECISION NO. 5:1: Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:2

Approval of Finance Committee Report dated 2022.12.13

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe

DECISION NO. 5:2: Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:3

Planning Committee Members for 2023

For Urban Areas:

- i. Chairman - Somasiri Veeraman
- ii. Secretary - H.H. Asanka Kumari (Ms.)
- iii. Planning Officer - O.G. Nilmini (Ms.)
- iv. Technical Officer - Anjalika Udayanthi (Ms.)
- v. Technical Officer - B.A.K. Shantha
- vi. Public Health Inspector - D.R.A. Nihal
- vii. Development Officer - K.S.A. Shanika (Ms.)
- viii. Technical Officer - M.A. Kasun Samira

****For Non-Urban Areas:****

- i. Chairman - Somasiri Veeraman
- ii. Vice Chairman - P.G. Palitha Kumar
- iii. PS Member - Bandula Dikmadugodag
- iv. PS Member - P.G. Vimalawansa
- v. Secretary - H.H. Asanka Kumari (Ms.)
- vi. Technical Officer - B.A.K. Shantha
- vii. Public Health Inspector - D.R.A. Nihal
- viii. Development Officer - K.S.A. Shanika (Ms.)
- ix. Technical Officer - M.A. Kasun Samira

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 5:3:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:4

Establishment of Standing Committees for 2023

****1. Finance and Policy Planning Committee:****

All council members

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

Hon. Chairman, Hon. Vice Chairman, Hon. Members Taranga, Nirosha Pushpadari, Disna Dharmawardhana

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

Hon. Chairman, Hon. Vice Chairman, Hon. Members Bandula Dikmadugodag, Ajith Nalaka, Disna Dharmawardhana

****4. Environment and Amenities Committee:****

Hon. Chairman, Hon. Vice Chairman, Hon. Members Rachitha Mohotti, Sagara Edirisooriya, Vasantha Munasinghe, G.P. Udayasantha, Saman Denipitiya, Nilantha Dhammajith, Harshani Gunasekara

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 5:4:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:5

Finance Committee to act as Procurement Committee

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

****DECISION NO. 5:5:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:6

Assessment and taxation of properties in declared improved area

Following approval from Provincial Assistant Commissioner and publication in Gazette No. 2300 dated 2022.09.30, to assess annual values of all immovable properties in the area and determine rates based on assessed annual values.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Peramunage Ajith Nalaka

****DECISION NO. 5:6:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:7

Starting a preschool at Ogaspe old library building upon request from Mobile Service

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe

****Discussion:****

****Hon. Member Saman Denipitiyage:****

Mr. Chairman, I need to know if this preschool will be maintained from council funds and whether the teachers recruited have qualifications such as diplomas. Also, how will their payments be made? How much will be paid? There are these questions. According to recent circulars, if such a program is implemented, 250 per child is collected - 10 children means 2500, 20 means 5000, 40 means 10000, 50 means 12500. They look at rent around Rs. 15000. I want to know how children will be admitted when the council maintains it without collecting money. Suddenly, they can come from areas like Akulin, Central Park, Ogaspe, Galpamune, Malimbada, Kirimatimulla. When doing it without collecting money, is there an admission procedure if someone comes? Or will they just bring some children from an existing preschool and give this facility only to those children? I request to present the procedure if there is one. Then we can agree. Otherwise, we don't know. If someone says put our child, there can be problems. So please clarify if there is a procedure. Thank you.

****Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman:****

Honorable Member, this preschool is not started like other preschools started. It's not a preschool with salaries paid by the council. There's a circular saying the council cannot start a new preschool. But a day care center is allowed. We give this building to an existing preschool and collect rent. We cannot pay a rent that tax assessments give to a preschool. We send it for assessment to collect rent and give it.

****DECISION NO. 5:7:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 5:8

Providing school supplies to low-income students

To provide school books and supplies to low-income school students in the area from council funds and approve an expenditure estimate of Rs. 1,000,000.00 for this purpose.

| Expenditure Item | Gross Estimate Rs. |

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| Providing school supplies worth Rs. 1000 to 1000 school children representing 10 divisions in the area |
1000*1000 |

| ****Total Value**** | ****Rs. 1,000,000.00**** |

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****Extensive Discussion by Members:****

Multiple members debated the criteria, implementation method, and concerns about transparency. Key points raised:

- ****Hon. Member Saman Denipitiyage:**** Suggested providing to all children, not just classifying who has or doesn't have, noting even government servants face difficulties.

- ****Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe:**** Recommended using proper criteria through Grama Niladhari certificates, considering family size, and allowing government servants to receive if they have multiple children.

- ****Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar:**** Requested increasing allocation to Rs. 2 million and implementing quickly.

- ****Hon. Member R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith:**** Requested postponement to next meeting to establish clear criteria and transparency. Threatened to vote against if not postponed.

- **Hon. Member Peramunage Ajith Nalaka:** Suggested distributing through schools rather than divisions to ensure proper reach.
- **Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe:** Supported immediate implementation with proper methodology, noting educational needs cannot be delayed.
- **Hon. Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda:** Emphasized genuinely needy children should be identified by division, not just by school.
- **Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula:** Fully supported and requested doubling the amount, citing similar programs in Akuressa and Weligama.
- **Hon. Member G.P. Udayasantha:** Raised concerns about unequal distribution across divisions, data collection challenges, and lack of preparedness.
- **Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara:** Supported but requested postponement to next month to properly identify recipients and avoid problems.
- **Hon. Member Rachitha Mohotti:** Fully supported, noting children suffered most from economic crisis, and suggested appointing four officers per village to implement.
- **Hon. Member Pitiduwa Gamage Vimalawansa:** Expressed concern about election period timing and procurement procedures, urging proper methodology.

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman:

Clarified that approval was received from Provincial Commissioner on December 14 to spend up to 60%, increased to 70%, with the additional 10% for school supplies. Explained the project would be handled by Community Development Officer with data from all schools, with assessment-based rent collection, not political distribution.

VOTE:

A division was called.

For the motion (16 members):

All members except one

Against the motion (1 member):

- Hon. Member R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

Result: Motion approved with 15 votes in favor.

AMENDED MOTION (proposed by all members):

The motion was amended to:

- Cover all schools in the area and external schools where area students study

- Base selection on school principal recommendations OR Grama Niladhari recommendations
- Target grades 1-5 students
- Increase allocation to Rs. 2,000,000 (Rs. 2 million)

****DECISION NO. 5:8:**** As amended, unanimously approved.

6. MOTIONS NOT DULY DEFERRED

MOTION NO. 6:1

Sending vehicle No. 252-6517 (cab) to authorized agency for repairs

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:1:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:2

Cancellation of expired contracts and obtaining new contracts

| Project | Contract Date | Contract Expiry Date |

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| Malimbada market upper floor construction | 2021/11/30 | 2022/12/31 |

| Galanda Kuttiya community hall construction | 2021/11/29 | 2022/12/31 |

| Telijjavila market side section construction | 2021/08/02 | 2022/12/31 |

| Construction of secure vehicle parking yard for PS vehicles | 2021/12/22 | 2022/12/31 |

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:2:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:3

Development of roads

i. Magakuttiya road

ii. Alaswatta road from Kadduwa house onwards

Proposed by: Hon. Member Chaminda Sagara Edirisooriya Maddumaghe

Seconded by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:3:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:4

Re-tendering of public properties not tendered in 2023

Name	Minimum Bid	Deposit	Form Fee
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Malimbada public market	268,800.00	5,000.00	250.00
Horagoda public market	10,200.00	1,000.00	250.00
Shantivatta land temporary crop cultivation (3 years)	19,125.00	1,000.00	250.00
Central Park land rubber cinnamon fruit garden (3 years)	96,900.00	1,000.00	250.00
Paranawattahena land	2,125.00	500.00	250.00
Telijjavila public toilet system	4,250.00	500.00	250.00
Malimbada public toilet system	2,125.00	500.00	250.00

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:4:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:5

Case No. L-12569 - Withdrawal with cost recovery

Since the plaintiff has agreed to withdraw case L-12569, to decide whether to recover costs from the plaintiff or give consent to withdraw without cost recovery.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:5:**** Decided to recover maximum possible amount of costs expended. Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:6

P.G.M.I. Amarasekara land exchange request - REJECTED

Local inspection report presented regarding request to exchange portion of private land for portion of PS land.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:6:**** Exchange rejected. Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:7

Permission to excavate roads for water pipeline installation

For Horagoda East, Horagoda West, Horagoda South, Alugiriya, Pahala Kiyaduwa, Central Park Gammana Grama Niladhari divisions.

Proposed by: Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:7:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:8

Vehicle YTS-6208 (single drum vibrate roller) insurance decision

Vehicle currently inactive, proposed exchange with Weligama PS for hand tractor engine. Insurance expires 2023.01.03, full coverage costs Rs. 58,525.00.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:8:**** Decided NOT to obtain insurance coverage. Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:9

Horagoda Family Health Services Officer Office location

Request from Malimbada Medical Officer of Health office to continue office at current location near Horagoda Sri Wardhanarama Temple due to service needs.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:9:**** Approved to continue at current location. Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:10

Technology Committee Officers for 2023

Appointing officers for computer, computer accessories, information technology matters:

- i. H.H. Asanka Kumari (Ms.) - Secretary
- ii. Deshani Dilrukshi (Ms.) - Community Development Officer
- iii. Pradeep Pushpa Kumar - Development Officer
- iv. Charitha Madhusanka - Development Officer

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:10:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:11

Completion of remaining sections of Sulthanagoda Gallida junction to Diggahawatta road

Proposed by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Seconded by: Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:11:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:12

Employees' Trust Fund arrears and surcharge payment

Letter ENMT 01 IN 202258169 dated 2023.01.04 regarding arrears of Rs. 685,052.53 and surcharge of Rs. 376,930.42.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula

****AMENDED MOTION:****

Proposed by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:12:**** Decided to pay arrears of Rs. 685,052.53 but NOT to pay surcharge of Rs. 376,930.42. Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:13

Administrative charges on court-ordered sales

To collect approximately 2% for administrative and other expenses when selling or tendering properties under court orders.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:13:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:14

Development of Alugiriya Yahalamulla road

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar

****DECISION NO. 6:14:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:15

Deployment of JCB machine with fuel for water pipeline excavation

For Horagoda South, Horagoda West, Horagoda East, Alugiriya, Pahala Kiyaduwa Grama Niladhari divisions and Central Park Gammana for National Water Supply Board distribution.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula

****DECISION NO. 6:15:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:16

Transfer of 29 used roofing sheets to Samurdhi housing program

From unused shed at Telijavila old office for Saubhagya housing program.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Pitiduwa Gamage Vimalawansa

****DECISION NO. 6:16:**** Unanimously approved.

MOTION NO. 6:17

Central Park Gammana entrance (Kadduwa road) concreting - Rs. 75,000 from Community Fund

Unanimously approved at Central Park Community monthly meeting on 2022.12.31, proposed by Nirosha.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

****DECISION NO. 6:17:**** Unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF STANDING COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technical Committee Report dated 2022.12.22 presented and unanimously approved.

8. CONSIDERATION OF INCOME-EXPENDITURE REPORTS

December 2022 receipts and payments summary reports presented to council.

9. OTHER MATTERS

****Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumar:****

Mr. Chairman, Vimalawansa made a motion in the last meeting about Walpita bridge and culvert. Yesterday we also drew the Governor's attention to it. I worked as chairman that day. By now plastic has been placed there and roofing on both sides of the road. Rachitha proposed a program to raise awareness among parents at village level about drug dangers. Accordingly, I contacted the Colombo Drug and Alcohol Institute, spoke to the Divisional Secretariat, police, and divisional officers. In Malimbada division, novice monks are doing the work and implementing a drug program on the 5th. We can do great

awareness through monks. Spoke about crocodiles in Parata - they say crocodiles are gone, went with water. Spoke to relevant places, boards put up on both sides warning about crocodiles. Mr. Chairman, I'm standing to make a request - whether there's an election or not, even if not requested, I can't go to the village. For years, even though I've been in the council, the main road to the village is not in a condition for any vehicle to travel. Earlier I requested from this council to at least put some ABC and cover the big potholes. The road to Senanayake College has been completely covered. My motion was approved by this council on May 11th. Even today I'm requesting as Vice Chairman, when one side of the road has been covered, I feel very sad. These roads were handed over to the kilometer lac program, since that's not happening and there's been no response from RDA for two months, please cover those potholes or get it released from RDA and if the council has money, do it for me. When the divisional officer went last time, people said they don't need the community hall or anything, just cover the potholes if possible. So making that request, I conclude. Thank you.

****Hon. Member Chaminda Sagara Edirisooriya Maddumaghe:****

Happy New Year to everyone. Actually, I'm talking about something I've been talking about continuously. First day there were street lights to be made in my division. That day I didn't speak. But yesterday when I asked the works officer, he said we asked but the warehouse won't give materials. People have written in the book, many days have passed, they're not coming to install them. Also, CEB and Telecom contractors are cutting branches, but most of those are done by our laborers. I'm talking about our laborers' safety - if there's a work schedule made and we talk with those two institutions and engage our laborers when needed, the council can earn additional income. Please look into this and act. Thank you.

****Hon. Member G.P. Udayasantha:****

Mr. Chairman, the letter regarding member allocations was found with great difficulty in the council. TO Miss is saying to do it under direct labor. Mr. Chairman, there's no such thing. We've done 3 projects with this money. At that time also done with society signature. Before that also did 3 works. Adding to that problem, need to say about Ekamutu Mawatha scanner machine money - spoke and arranged to do it immediately after the council you weren't in, from the last meeting the Vice Chairman presided. I spoke this morning too, even today haven't received it. Expressing regret about that too. A Miss spoke and said there's no documentation in the council about ownership of land at Horagoda Adadola community hall and Horagoda Muslim preschool land. I looked into it. During former chairman Kalyana Abesinghe's time, Horagoda Muslim preschool land was taken to the council in 1993 with a deed. Sri Wardhanarama community hall deed copy also lost. Lack of effectiveness though work certificates obtained is that these letters get lost. The reason works aren't done is that these letters go missing. Adadola community hall is also a council-owned building. That's also not in the council. Look, the problem is that even if we're in the council or not, council property being lost is a national crime. So I request to create a procedure to protect these. Thank you.

****Hon. Member Pannigala Gamage Taranga (Ms.):****

Happy New Year to everyone. Mr. Chairman, Malimbada Jayawardana Mawatha 3rd narrow road Pannigala. Tree branches on both sides of the road have come to the road, people have paid money to cut unsafe branches, I also informed this council. Even up to a month it hasn't been done. Please do that. Thank you.

****Hon. Member Dikmadugodag Bandula:****

First I want to say that my wife's funeral was held the other day. I express heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated. Mr. Chairman, I've been asking for 6 months to do a road Shramadana, council approval also received. Feasibility reports submitted but couldn't do the Shramadana. However, when asked for backhoe, they said can't give. I have information that in Akurugoda side they dug and cleaned a drain without any report. Don't know if it's true or false. Information is that they went and worked without Vasantha member's and Vice Chairman's advice. We've been asking for the backhoe for months to clean a road. Need a report for it. To build not a house road but a public road asking. Still no technical officer report to hold a Shramadana. Expressing regret about that, asking to give a date soon and stopping. Thank you.

****Hon. Member Saman Denipitiyage:****

Wishing everyone a prosperous, healthy New Year. With the passing of a year and dawn of a new year, the council term is also dissolving. Similarly, for nearly 5 years under the chairman's leadership, we said good to good works, rejected bad things. Because we stood for the people who appointed and sent us. We did everything we could do. Amid the country's crises, enduring difficulties, people are living very bitter lives. Though our members came representing several political parties, we worked harmoniously within the council. None of us are people with big money - we came for public service spending our time and labor. We tried to serve as we could. Today there's no favor for members among the people...

****Hon. Member Peramunage Ajith Nalaka:****

Working as a new member for 5 years in this council, everyone worked cordially. Helped. I'm grateful for that. I'm grateful even to the laborers in this council who to some extent tried to protect the dignity of the members. Grateful to the secretary and staff too.

****Hon. Chairman Somasiri Veeraman:****

Hon. Vice Chairman, everyone knows this development work got blocked for several eras. The first era was we spent 2 years in opposition. A Pradeshiya Sabha should be in the government party. When in opposition money to work becomes unavailable. During that time money came through the Divisional Secretariat office, where doing development work was difficult. Then Corona pandemic came. After that with economic crisis came circulars to stop development work. When it came to work up to 60%, 2 things affected. Can't work, officers got scared. When Unanduwe temple's clay pile also collapsed, we put the JCB and removed it, technical officers said can't come because of holidays. Because our JCB operator got a problem, I signed it. When there's a disaster, holidays or night don't matter - solving them is the council's responsibility. In such a situation we had to make some decisions. Finally the accusation came to me. Veniacula Kirimatimulla road still hasn't started. Need to do it with laborers, can't do with JCB. We went back, created crises. You all also went the wrong way. There were reasons for those too. Next, C.E.B. doesn't pay contractors for tree cutting, only Telecom has to talk about...

After the Chairman's vote of thanks, the council proceedings concluded at approximately 3:00 PM.

****Chairman****

Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha