

MALIMBADA PRADESHIYA SABHA

Monthly Council Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2023

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Attendance:

- Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara
- Hon. Councilor Saman Denipitiyage
- Hon. Councilor Wasantha Munasinghe
- Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula
- Hon. Councilor Lasantha Ranasinghe
- Hon. Councilor Gayan Samantha Nadakanda
- Hon. Councilor Disna Dharmawardhana (Ms.)
- Hon. Councilor Rachitha Mohotti
- Hon. Councilor Peramunage Ajith Nalaka
- Hon. Councilor Chaminda Sagara Edirisooriya Maddumage
- Hon. Councilor Pitiduwegamage Vimalawansa
- Hon. Councilor A.H. Nirosha Pushpadari (Ms.)
- Hon. Councilor R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- Hon. Councilor Pannigalagamage Taranga (Ms.)
- Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha
- Hon. Councilor R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

The monthly council meeting for February 2023 of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha commenced at 10:30 AM on 09.02.2023 at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office under the chairmanship of Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the General Council meeting held on 04.01.2023.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

2. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Regarding Councilor Vimalawansa's letter dated 02.12.2022 about the special council meeting being illegal, we referred the matter to the Provincial Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner to examine its legality. They have provided recommendations stating that postponing motions 5:2 to 5:11 from the special council meeting held on 02.12.2022 to the next special council week was not provided for under the 1988 Pradeshiya Sabha Meeting Procedures and Rules. However, since motions 5:2 to 5:11 presented at the special council meeting on 09.12.2022 were presented according to the rules, that meeting was legal. A letter has been sent accordingly, and a letter has also been sent to Mr. Vimalawansa.

3. MESSAGES, PETITIONS, COMPLAINTS AND COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL

- Letter from Malimbada Divisional Secretariat regarding "Establishing two model farms under Sarusara Matota Development Program Phase II" was tabled.
 - Letter from Daya Dikmadugodage, Shakti Early Childhood Development Center, Algiriya regarding "Pre-school building" was tabled.
 - Letter from H.R.K. Anoma, No. 29, Ruhunu Sewana, Kuruduwatta regarding "Land and house landslide" was tabled.
 - Letter from Malimbada Divisional Secretariat regarding "Freeing land to Local Government institutions - Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha" was tabled.
 - Report presented by W.K. Dasinka Udayanga on "Gadawila liquid and solid fertilizer project January income/expenditure (recurrent and capital) report" was tabled.
 - Letter presented by Ambagahagoda Road residents regarding "Repairing the road to the old Grama Sabha office" was tabled.
 - Letter from C. Dhanushka Madhushan, Malsha House, Gamagegoda, Algiriya, Telijjawila regarding "Obtaining local permission to operate Dilena Tharu Arts Center" was tabled.
 - Report presented by Development Officer H.B. Ganesha Geethani (Ms.) on "Compost project Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha January 2023 income expenditure report" was tabled.
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4. QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN - None

5. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Motion No. 5:1

Approval of the Finance Committee report held on 22.12.2022.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Lasantha Ranasinghe

The motion was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:1: The Finance Committee report held on 22.12.2022 was approved.

Motion No. 5:2

Approval of the Finance Committee report held on 30.12.2022.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula

The motion was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:2: The Finance Committee report held on 30.12.2022 was approved.

Motion No. 5:3

Approval of the Finance Committee report held on 04.01.2023.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha

The motion was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:3: The Finance Committee report held on 04.01.2023 was approved.

Motion No. 5:4

Approval of the Finance Committee report held on 18.01.2023.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha

The motion was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:4: The Finance Committee report held on 18.01.2023 was approved.

Motion No. 5:5

After allocating funds for approved development projects, I propose that the remaining funds for crematorium construction be placed in a fixed deposit account at the National Savings Bank Akuressa branch or used to purchase treasury bills.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

The above motion was postponed to a special council meeting or general council meeting.

Motion No. 5:6

Regarding transferring the rental rights of shop room No. 03 in Malimbada Commercial Complex from current tenant Motin Vidanapathirana to I.K. Mahesh Kumara, with initial payment of 100 times the monthly rent or an amount determined by the General Council, and collecting 3 months' security deposit and non-refundable deposit as per shop agreement and circular.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

For Committee: Proposed by Hon. Councilor Lasantha Ranasinghe, Seconded by Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha

For General Council: Proposed by Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman, Seconded by Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula

Decision No. 5:6: It was decided to obtain a new valuation for shop room No. 03 in Malimbada Commercial Complex and after receiving the valuation, present it to the next council meeting to proceed with transferring the shop room.

Motion No. 5:7

Regarding transferring the rental rights of shop room No. 11 in Malimbada Commercial Complex from current tenant E.M. Sirisena to D. Ranaveera (Ms.), with similar payment terms as Motion 5:6.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Decision No. 5:7: It was decided to obtain a new valuation for shop room No. 11 in Malimbada Commercial Complex and after receiving the valuation, present it to the next council meeting to proceed with transferring the shop room.

Motion No. 5:8

To repair the drainage system of Malimbada Ranawiru Village.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Pannigalagamage Taranga (Ms.)

Decision No. 5:8: It was decided to repair the drainage system of Malimbada Ranawiru Village. The decision was unanimously approved by the council.

6. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN

Motion No. 6:1

To make an appropriate decision regarding the boundary wall constructed by Ms. Niluka Jayasinghe residing near Galgadiya on Katuwangoda Gankanda Road, which obstructs the road.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

For Committee: Proposed by Hon. Chairman, Seconded by Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula

For General Council: Proposed by Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha, Seconded by Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula

Decision No. 6:1: It was decided to take legal action after a site inspection regarding the boundary wall constructed by Ms. Niluka Jayasinghe on Katuwangoda Gankanda Road near Galgadiya that obstructs the road.

Motion No. 6:2

To extend the service period for 2023 for W.D. Madhusa Kumari (Ms.) serving at Veniakula Ayurvedic Center, as her service period for 2022 has ended.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

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

Decision No. 6:2: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:3

To approve the annual warehouse and goods survey report and appoint the following officers as the implementation committee and sales committee:

- Somasiri Weeraman - Chairman
- H.H. Asanka Kumari (Ms.) - Secretary
- M.W.G. Deshani Dilrukshi (Ms.) - Community Development Officer
- Anjalika Udayanthi (Ms.) - Technical Service Officer
- M.A. Kasun Samira - Technical Service Officer
- Ashara Piyumini (Ms.) - Revenue Inspector
- N. Karunanayake - Management Service Officer

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha

Decision No. 6:3: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:4

Due to illness of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha electrical worker, to bring an electrical worker from another Pradeshiya Sabha to repair inactive street lights in the division and pay that worker the prescribed travel expenses and combined allowances.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

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

Decision No. 6:4: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:5

According to letter No. MLB/LND/GENER/L4/57 dated 12.01.2023 from Malimbada Divisional Secretariat regarding transferring land on which Malimbada Public Market, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha new office and Malimbada Commercial Complex are located to Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha, to pay Rs. 34,500.00 to Matara District Survey Office to obtain a plan.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

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

Decision No. 6:5: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:6

To issue 30 bulbs daily instead of 15 bulbs daily for street light maintenance.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Lasantha Ranasinghe

Decision No. 6:6: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:7

Regarding the passing of former Chairman Kalyana Abesinghe, to send a condolence letter to Nimna Abesinghe, Athuraliyagewatta, Horagoda, Telijjawila.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha

Decision No. 6:7: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:8

To appoint a technical committee consisting of the following officers to take future action, make decisions and determine specifications for the work of renovating the iron net used for compost turning in the compost unit:

- Chandratilaka - Chief Management Service Officer
- Kasun Samira - Technical Service Officer
- Anjalika Udayanthi (Ms.) - Technical Service Officer

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Decision No. 6:8: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:9

To appoint a technical committee consisting of the following officers to take future action, make decisions and determine specifications for installing CCTV cameras at Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha premises:

- Chairman - Dr. Subodha Gunawardhana (Senior Lecturer, Electrical and Information Communication, Engineering Faculty, Galle, Hapugala)
- Member - B.A.S. Saranga (Engineer, Assistant Provincial Commissioner's Office, Matara)
- Member - Kasun Samira (Technical Officer, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha)

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula

Decision No. 6:9: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:10

According to the council decision taken under Decision No. 5.5 at the monthly council meeting on 11.05.2021, any wall built bordering the road should be built 2 feet back. Therefore, to inform the relevant party and send a letter that the boundary wall Ms. Airin Perera plans to build bordering the road should also be built 2 feet back according to the council decision taken.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Decision No. 6:10: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:11

To register and gazette Weeraman Road Second Cross Road, which has been used for over 50 years, as a Pradeshiya Sabha road.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Decision No. 6:11: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:12

To send contributions paid to the Employees' Trust Fund through online method.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Lasantha Ranasinghe

Decision No. 6:12: The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion No. 6:13

That the maximum weight of heavy vehicles traveling on Pradeshiya Sabha roads should be 2 cubic meters, and to inform the public through loudspeakers and install boards on relevant roads.

Proposed by: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
Seconded by: Hon. Councilor Chaminda Sagara Edirisooriya Maddumage

Decision No. 6:13: The motion was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

8. REVIEW OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS - None

9. OTHER MATTERS

Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula:

With permission from all. Mr. Chairman, regarding Dilena Tharu Arts Center requesting to operate at Algiriya Pahala Kiyaduwa Community Hall, I spoke with the Grama Niladhari who has no objection. However, all associations and societies in this Grama Niladhari division

operate in this community hall. Then there's the problem of who is responsible for the chairs, tables and other goods inside the community hall. We also charge rent for pre-schools. Therefore, if a dance class for money is being held there, rent should be charged. The Grama Niladhari has no objection. He said he cannot give the key to the community hall without getting written authorization from the Chairman. If giving the community hall, please release me from that responsibility.

Hon. Councilor Lasantha Ranasinghe:

[Long statement about street light maintenance issues, work procedures, complaints about service delivery, and requesting proper systems and accountability from officers]

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman:

[Response about vehicle issues affecting street light maintenance, illness of electrical worker, and requesting temporary worker from Athuraliaya Sabha]

Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara:

[Tribute to former Chairman Kalyana Abesinghe, recounting his service, character, and contributions to Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha. Expressing gratitude for bringing the body to the Sabha for final respects. Praying for his attainment of Nirvana]

Hon. Councilor Pitiduwagamage Vimalawansa:

[Tribute to former Chairman Kalyana Abesinghe, recounting their service together from 1991-1997, his dedication, Marxist ideology, respectful conduct as chairman, and service to the community. Expressing condolences and praying for Nirvana]

Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha:

[Tribute to Kalyana Abesinghe as a relative, recounting efforts to bring body to Sabha for final respects despite initial family objections. Thanks to chairman and council for the honor shown. Expressing concern that staff banner was not used. Praying for Nirvana]

Hon. Councilor Saman Denipitiyage:

[Tribute to Kalyana Abesinghe, appreciation for bringing body to Sabha, requesting written condolence letter. Best wishes to all councilors contesting upcoming Provincial Council election]

Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula:

[Brief tribute to Kalyana Abesinghe, his service and character. Praying for Nirvana]

Hon. Councilor Rachitha Mohotti:

[Tribute to Kalyana Abesinghe, gratitude for his personal guidance and support when starting in politics. Reflections on political culture, upcoming elections, and appreciation for fellow councilors and staff]

Hon. Councilor R.G. Harshani Gunasekara:

[Emotional tribute to "Kalu Abe Mama" (Uncle Black Abe), expressing shock at his sudden death. Questioning whether proper honor was shown. Reflections on political culture, upcoming elections, voter responsibility, and gratitude for experience gained at Malimbada Sabha. Praying for Nirvana]

Hon. Councilor Dikmadugodage Bandula:

[Correction stating that he was first to inform Communist Party General Secretary Dr. Veerasinghe of the death, and that 13 Central Committee members attended the funeral]

Hon. Councilor G.P. Udayasantha:

[Raising issues about water pipe leaks in Bhagyagama and other areas, requesting urgent meeting with Community Water Project, Water Supply, contractors and Chairman to resolve. Also reminding about pending matters: Ekamuthu Road soil removal payment and Horagoda Community Hall electricity connection]

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman:

[Final remarks about honoring people while alive vs. after death. Defending the honor shown to former Chairman Abesinghe. Noting his fearlessness during dangerous 1988 period, his service in establishing the Sabha, and that bringing his body to the Sabha was the greatest honor. Thanking all who participated. Wishing all councilors well for upcoming elections despite differences]

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:00 PM with the Chairman's vote of thanks.

Chairman
Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha