

MALIMBADA PRADESHIYA SABHA - MALIMBADA

Monthly Council Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2023

Attendance:

- Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara
- Hon. Member Saman Denipitiyage
- Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe
- Hon. Member Dikmadugodage 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 Maddumage
- Hon. Member Pitiduwegamage Vimalawansa
- Hon. Member A.H. Nirosha Pushpadari (Ms.)
- Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- Hon. Member Pannigalagamage Taranga (Ms.)
- Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa
- Hon. Member R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

The monthly council meeting for March 2023 of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha commenced at 10:30 AM on March 8, 2023, at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office, chaired by Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman.

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman:

Honorable members, today's meeting may possibly be the last meeting. I respectfully acknowledge the Vice Chairman and all members present, as well as the Secretary and all subject officers present. According to the agenda, the first item is approval of the previous council minutes. I request at this time that if there are any deficiencies or amendments, please present them.

Approval of Previous Council Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the General Council meeting held on February 9, 2023.

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

1. Special Announcements by the Chairman - None

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

- Letter from W.K. Dasinka Udayanga regarding "Gadavila Liquid and Solid Fertilizer Project February Income/Expenditure (Recurrent and Capital) Report" was tabled.
- Letter from Sinha Sports Club from Dikgahawatta, Matara Road, Telijjawila, Okada Ranawaka regarding "Handball court repairs" was tabled.
- Letter from K.H. Chaminda Kumara from Uda Pittaniya, Kotaduwa, Dampella regarding "Damage to the only road accessing business land" was tabled.
- Letter from Pradeshiya Sabha Member G.P. Udaya Santa regarding "Damage to Pradeshiya Sabha roads" was tabled.
- Audit inquiry from the National Audit Office titled "Financial and Operations Audit - 2022 Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha" was tabled.
- Letter from Development Officer H.B. Ganesha Geethani (Ms.) regarding "Compost Project Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha February 2023 Income/Expenditure Report" was tabled.

4. Questions Postponed According to Procedure - None

5. Proposals Postponed According to Procedure

Proposal No. 5:1

I propose to the Hon. Council that the Finance Committee report held on February 3, 2023, be approved as appropriate.

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

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:1

It was decided that the Finance Committee report held on February 3, 2023, be approved as appropriate.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 5:2

I propose to the Hon. Council that construction of a community hall on Central Park public land is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Dikmadugodage Bandula

Decision No. 5:2

It was decided that construction of a community hall on Central Park public land is appropriate.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 5:3

I propose to the Hon. Council that implementing an appropriate methodology for the location that has become muddy on Galpamuna Egodamulla Road is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:3

It was decided that implementing an appropriate methodology for the location that has become muddy on Galpamuna Egodamulla Road is appropriate.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 5:4

I propose to the Hon. Council that concreting Akurugoda South Paranawattahena main road is appropriate (from Sulthanagoda Akurugoda main road to Grama Niladhari Nalin's house).

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Decision No. 5:4

It was decided that concreting Akurugoda South Paranawattahena main road is appropriate (from Sulthanagoda Akurugoda main road to Grama Niladhari Nalin's house).

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 5:5

I propose to the Hon. Council that developing from near Mr. Asela's house to Mr. Indu's house in Akurugoda South Paranawattahena is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda

Decision No. 5:5

It was decided that developing from near Mr. Asela's house to Mr. Indu's house in Akurugoda South Paranawattahena is appropriate.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 5:6

I propose to the Hon. Council that doors and windows should be installed on the ground floor of Galandakuttiya community hall.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda

Decision No. 5:6

It was decided that installing doors and windows on the ground floor of Galandakuttiya community hall is appropriate.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 5:7

I propose to the Hon. Council that although equipment required to obtain electricity and pole installations have been done from allocations set aside for obtaining electricity for Horagoda community hall, it was difficult to obtain electricity supply because L-wiring could not be installed. Since L-wiring has now been installed, obtaining electricity supply from the allocated funds and if there is a shortfall, providing that amount from council funds is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Member Rachitha Mohotti
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

6. Proposals Not Postponed According to Procedure

Proposal No. 6:1

I propose to the Hon. Council that an appropriate decision be made regarding building application BA/2016/25 submitted by J.J.S. Pinidiya, as the construction is unauthorized construction and although instructed for a long time to obtain recommendations from the Central Environmental Authority for the relevant building application and submit to the council, there has been no positive response to date.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Dikmadugodage Bandula

Decision No. 6:1

It was decided to take legal action regarding building application BA/2016/25 submitted by J.J.S. Pinidiya, as the construction is unauthorized construction and although instructed for a long time to obtain recommendations from the Central Environmental Authority for the relevant building application and submit to the council, there has been no positive response to date.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:2

I propose to the Hon. Council that not tendering this property during the third tender in 2023 is appropriate, as the public toilet system in Telijjawila and Malimbada is not a toilet system located in a crowded area, making it impossible to earn income from it, and despite tendering for several years, no one has come forward to obtain it.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Dikmadugodage Bandula

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impossible to earn income from it, and despite tendering for several years, no one has come forward to obtain it.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:3

I propose to the Hon. Council that cutting drains and filling with soil to fix Pitivilahena Road in Algiriya division, Algiriya area, which has become very dilapidated with potholes making it very difficult to travel, is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Member Dikmadugodage Bandula
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:4

I propose to the Hon. Council that fixing with concrete to bring to usable condition the public well near Maragahakanatta house on Ekamuthu Mawatha in Horagoda South Grama Niladhari division, which has become unusable and dilapidated, is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:5

I propose to the Hon. Council that gazetting Telijjawila Walpita Karantolla Road as a road belonging to Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda

Decision No. 6:5

It was decided to gazette Telijjawila Walpita Karantolla Road as a road belonging to Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:6

I propose to the Hon. Council that fixing the pothole on the road in front of Mr. Leonard's house in Malimbada North, which has put people in a dangerous situation while traveling, is appropriate, and that the relevant estimate for this be approved.

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

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:7

I propose to the Hon. Council that writing off the balance of Rs. 39,312.00 recorded as creditors in the accounts for 2021 is appropriate, as the Ceylon Electricity Board has indicated there are no allocations to make payments for street light maintenance and signing of related agreements has also been suspended.

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

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

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Proposal No. 6:8

I propose to the Hon. Council that a local inspection of Horagoda public cemetery was conducted on March 7, 2023, and that it is appropriate to re-inspect this location based on the instructions given by the investigation officer, and to take necessary actions to mark boundaries through a surveyor and remove encroachers.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Decision No. 6:8

It was decided that a local inspection of Horagoda public cemetery was conducted on March 7, 2023, and that it is appropriate to re-inspect this location based on the instructions given by the investigation officer, and to take necessary actions to mark boundaries through a surveyor and remove encroachers.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:9

I propose to the Hon. Council that providing the ground floor of the old Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office to the Medical Officer's office on a monthly rental basis of Rs. 50,000.00 according to the valuation done by the Government Valuation Department is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Chaminda Sagara Edirisooriya Maddumage

Decision No. 6:9

It was decided that providing the ground floor of the old Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office to the Medical Officer's office on a monthly rental basis of Rs. 50,000.00 according to the valuation done by the Government Valuation Department is appropriate.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:10

I propose to the Hon. Council that confirming the legal dimensions is appropriate, as the road belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha developed by laying gravel through Siyambalagahawatta Malagawatta in Malimbada East Grama Niladhari division does not have the stipulated footage.

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

Decision No. 6:10

It was decided to take action according to the technical officer's recommendation to confirm the legal dimensions, as the road belonging to the Pradeshiya Sabha developed by laying gravel through Siyambalagahawatta Malagawatta in Malimbada East Grama Niladhari division does not have the stipulated footage.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:11

I propose to the Hon. Council that hiring a surveyor to measure both land plots according to the deed, prepare plans and mark boundaries to clarify the land area as per the request of Ms. J.W.P. Pathmalatha who obtained Paranawattahena land belonging to Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha on rental basis, is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 6:11

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:12

I propose to the Hon. Council that submitting the 2023-2027 five-year strategic plan for council approval is appropriate.

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

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 6:12

It was decided to grant council approval for the 2023-2027 five-year strategic plan.

Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:13

I propose to the Hon. Council that conducting an investigation through the Provincial Commissioner's office to determine the responsible officers regarding payment of the surplus amount of Rs. 685,052.53 according to letter No. ENMT/01/IN/202258169 dated January 4, 2023, from the Employees' Trust Fund is appropriate.

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

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Proposal No. 6:14

I propose to the Hon. Council that sending Gadavila solid fertilizer produced by the compost project belonging to Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha to Kurunegala Sustainable Agriculture Research and Development Center for raw material testing is appropriate.

- **Proposed by:** Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- **Seconded by:** Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Accordingly, this proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

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Accordingly, this decision was unanimously approved by the council.

Hon. Member Vasantha Munasinghe:

Mr. Chairman, these proposals are good and we agree. But there is no visible situation of proposals being implemented after being made. At this last moment, the question is whether to keep adding more proposals or to implement the proposals already made. Mr. Chairman, I expect an explanation for this. We also have proposals, but the reason we don't make proposals is because the proposals we make are not implemented. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I especially have roads - Medagoda main road, Gunasekara Mawatha - I request that at the very least, they be fixed so people can come and go. Also, providing electricity to Medagoda community hall. If these two or three proposals are implemented, I will give you my maximum support and will present these proposals again.

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman:

Honorable Member, you all know that we couldn't do any work at all in the past period. The Provincial Commissioner wrote to us in writing not to do development work. After that, two months ago, approval came to spend up to 60%. After that, everyone's intention was to build the crematorium. Everyone approved the crematorium proposal in the council, so the basic construction work was completed. Everyone approved taking a loan for the crematorium. A loan between 500,000-600,000 rupees has been approved. We hoped in December to start the crematorium work. About 3 million rupees will be spent on this. In a special council meeting in December, it was defeated saying not to implement it. We had money left over, so work started only from December. The three roads you mentioned were given to the RDA - Medagoda road, Galandakuttiya road, and the estimate is 2.7 million rupees. We cannot approve estimates in our council to tar TO Miss roads. We sent a letter to RDA asking them to fix this. But the estimate wasn't done there. The Vice Chairman sent the first letter. But even then the estimate wasn't done. After that, there was a discussion with the Chairman of Road Development regarding Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha roads. At that time, I presented these matters. We have roads to be tarred but no way to get estimates done, asking them to prepare and give estimates. Accordingly, the Chairman gave an order to estimate these roads...

7. Approval of Executive Committee Reports/Committee Reports

8. Consideration of Income/Expenditure Reports

9. Other Matters

Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe

Hon. Member Pitiduwegamage Vimalawansa

Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Hon. Member Saman Denipitiyage

Hon. Member Dikmadugodage Bandula

Hon. Member Rachitha Mohotti

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

Hon. Member G.P. Udaya Santa

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman

After the Chairman's vote of thanks, the council proceedings concluded at approximately 2:00 PM.

Chairman

Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha