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Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha - Malimbada

Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha Monthly Council Meeting Report - 11.01.2022

Attendance:

- Honorable Chairman Somasiri Weeraman
- Honorable Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara
- Honorable Council Member Saman Denipitiyage
- Honorable Council Member Vasantha Munasinghe
- Honorable Council Member Dikmadugodage Bandula
- Honorable Council Member Lasantha Ranasinghe
- Honorable Council Member Gayan Samantha Nadakanda
- Honorable Council Member Disna Dharmawardana (Ms.)
- Honorable Council Member Rachitha Mohotti
- Honorable Council Member Peramunage Ajith Nalaka
- Honorable Council Member Chaminda Sagara Edirisuriya Maddumage
- Honorable Council Member Pitiduwa Gamage Wimalawansa
- Honorable Council Member A.H. Nirosha Pushpadari (Ms.)
- Honorable Council Member R.G. Harshani Gunasekara (Ms.)
- Honorable Council Member Pannigala Gamage Tharanga (Ms.)
- Honorable Council Member G.P. Udaya Shantha
- Honorable Council Member R.K. Nilantha Dhammajith

The monthly meeting of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha for January 2022 commenced on 2022.01.11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha office, under the chairmanship of the Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman.

1. Approval of Previous Council Reports.

Regarding the approval of the monthly council meeting report of 2021.12.14, Honorable Member Mr. Saman Denipitiyage stated that there was a disturbance when confirming

proposal 6:3 on page 15. At that moment, the chairman adjourned the council. Please include that.

Regarding the monthly council meeting report of 2022.01.11, Honorable Member Mr. Pitiduwa Gamage Wimalawansa stated that the occurrence of a committee meeting on page 15 was not mentioned and should be included. Also, I spoke about the breach of privilege. That speech is not included.

Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman stated, Member Wimalawansa, that speech was not included because there are no provisions in the act to speak about a proposal that was not approved.

Subject to the above amendments, the monthly council meeting report of 2021.12.14 was proposed for approval by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman.

Seconded by: Honorable Vice Chairman Mr. P.G. Palitha Kumara.

Accordingly, the monthly council meeting report of 2021.12.14 was unanimously approved by the council.

2. Special announcements by the Chairman.
3. Presentation of letters, petitions, complaints, and communications to the council.

The letter dated 2022.01.10 from Mr. Jayasekara Chandrasiri of No. 269/A, Gunasekara Mawatha, Kamburugamuwa, Matara, titled "Regarding providing a land section for public affairs," was presented to the council.

The letter from Ms. Parana Vithanage Chandrawathi of Wakadamulladeniya, Kota Dupe, Thelijjawila, titled "Regarding a boundary dispute," was presented to the council.

The letter from Ms. H.K. Thanuja Dharshani of No. 38, Bhagyagama, Horagoda, Thelijjawila, titled "For arranging drains on the Bhagyagama cemetery road," was presented to the council.

The letter No. SLILG/10/DIP/CD/2022 dated 2021.12.16 from the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Government, titled "Diploma Course on Community Development - 2022 Academic Year," was presented to the council.

The announcement regarding the cleanliness week to be implemented from 2022.01.11 to 2022.01.17 within the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha area under the theme "Eradicate the Dengue Menace" was presented to the council.

4. Questions postponed as per schedule - None
5. Proposals postponed as per schedule

Proposal No. 5:1

I propose to the Honorable Council that it is appropriate to approve the Finance Committee report of 2021/12/01.

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Vice Chairman Mr. P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:1

It was decided that it is appropriate to approve the Finance Committee report of 2021/12/01.

Proposal No. 5:2

I propose to the Honorable Council that it is appropriate to approve the Finance Committee report of 2021/12/14.

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Member Mr. Lasantha Munasinghe

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:2

It was decided that it is appropriate to approve the Finance Committee report of 2021/12/14.

Proposal No. 5:3

I propose to the Honorable Council that the following individuals are suitable for the Audit Management Committee of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.

Somasiri Weeraman Mr. - Chairman

H.H. Asanka Kumari Ms. - Secretary

Sajeevani Palliyaguru Ms. - Internal Audit Officer

Poornima Priyadarshani Ms. - Management Services Officer

J.W.L. Sevandi Ms. - Development Officer

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Member Mr. Gayan Samantha Nadakanda

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:3

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H.H. Asanka Kumari Ms. - Secretary

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Poornima Priyadarshani Ms. - Management Services Officer

J.W.L. Sevandi Ms. - Development Officer

Proposal No. 5:4

I propose to the Honorable Council that it is appropriate to re-tender the properties that were not tendered for the year 2022 at the regional level.

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Member Mr. Bandula Dikmadugoda

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:4

It was decided that it is appropriate to re-tender the properties that were not tendered for the year 2022 at the regional level.

Proposal No. 5:5

I propose to the Honorable Council that it is appropriate to cut and remove the branches of the trees that have fallen onto the Adhikariwilagama Community Hall, and to remove the broken roof tiles and repair the roof with new tiles.

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Member Mr. Lasantha Ranasinghe

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:5

It was decided that it is appropriate to cut and remove the branches of the trees that have fallen onto the Adhikariwilagama Community Hall, and to remove the broken roof tiles and repair the roof with new tiles.

Proposal No. 5:6

I propose to the Honorable Council that it is appropriate to extend the service period of Ms. Ayomi Chandima Dilrukshi, who worked on a relief basis at the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha but was unable to report to work due to illness, by one year, subject to paying a monthly allowance of Rs. 5000.

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Member Mr. Lasantha Munasinghe

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:6

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Proposal No. 5:7

I propose to the Honorable Council that it is appropriate to recognize the access road from Thelijjawila Walpita Main Road to the land called Thelijjawila Estate as a public road registered with the council.

Proposed by: Honorable Member Mr. Bandula Dikmadugoda

Seconded by: Honorable Vice Chairman Mr. P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 5:7

It was decided that it is appropriate to register the access road from Thelijjawila Walpita Main Road to the land called Thelijjawila Estate with the council.

6. Proposals not postponed as per schedule.

Proposal No. 6:1

The Honorable Council proposes to register the following Community Center, established under the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha, with the Local Government Commissioner's Office.

Akurugoda East Saviya Community Center

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Member Mr. Lasantha Munasinghe

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision No. 6:1

It was decided to register the following Community Center, established under the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha, with the Local Government Commissioner's Office.

Akurugoda East Saviya Community Center

Proposal No. 6:2

The Honorable Council proposes that it is appropriate to construct a toilet for the Akurugoda East Medagoda Community Hall.

Proposed by: Honorable Chairman Mr. Somasiri Weeraman

Seconded by: Honorable Vice Chairman Mr. P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the council.

Decision Number 6:3 It was decided to provide electricity to the Adhikariwila Gama Community Hall.

Proposal Number 6:4 Regarding handing over the land where the Adhikariwila Gama Community Hall is situated, which is part of the Horagoda area playground, I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to obtain a sum of Rs. 200.00 as per the 2021/01 planting cycle under the Land Reforms Commission Director's letter No. PRO/AKU/01 dated 2022.01.

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Proposer: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman **Seconded:** Hon. Member Suman Denipitiyage

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:4 It was decided to hand over the land where the Adhikariwila Gama Community Hall is situated, which is part of the Horagoda area playground, and to obtain a sum of Rs. 200.00 as per the 2021/01 planting cycle under the Land Reforms Commission Director's letter No. PRO/AKU/01 dated 2022.01.

Proposal Number 6:5 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly that it is appropriate not to charge rent for the shop rooms in the Malimbada Commercial Complex for another ½ month from 2021 August 21st to 2021 September 30th, as informed by the Provincial Council Commissioner's letter No. 04/04/09/01 dated 2021.12.31.

Proposer: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman **Seconders:** Hon. Member Bandula Dikmadugoda

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:5 It was decided to extend the decision taken to provide a 2 ½ month rent-free period for shop rooms due to the 2021 Corona pandemic to 03 months.

Proposal Number 6:6 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to provide 10 chairs and 05 tables required for the Madagoda Community Hall and to approve the following estimate for the same.

05 tables - Rs. 4000.00 * 5 = 20000.00 10 chairs - Rs. 1000.00 * 10 = 10000.00 Total - = 30000.00

Proposer: Hon. Member Lasantha Munasinghe **Seconders:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:6 It was decided to provide 10 chairs and 05 tables required for the Madagoda Community Hall and to approve the following estimate for the same.

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Proposal Number 6:7 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to widen the road in several places for the development of the Horagoda Polpitiya United Housing Scheme by using a machine due to the lack of necessary soil.

Proposer: Hon. Member Rathna Themonhotitti **Seconders:** Hon. Member G.P. Udayashantha

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:7 It was decided to widen the road in several places for the development of the Horagoda Polpitiya United Housing Scheme by using a private JCB machine due to the lack of necessary soil and the government's JCB machine being inactive.

Proposal Number 6:8 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to cut the overgrown bushes along the road network of the Horagoda Liberty Terrace housing scheme, which are leaning and causing obstruction, by using a machine.

Proposer: Hon. Member Rathna Themonhotitti **Seconded:** Hon. Member G.P. Udayashantha

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:8 It was decided to cut the overgrown bushes along the road network of the Horagoda Liberty Terrace housing scheme, which are leaning and causing obstruction, by using a machine.

Proposal Number 6:9 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to remove the fallen trees on the Gemunu Mawatha and the Imbul tree on the Ambegas Handiya road.

Proposer: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman **Seconded:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:9 It was decided to remove the fallen trees on the Gemunu Mawatha and the Imbul tree on the Ambegas Handiya road.

Proposal Number 6:10 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to establish a Child and Women Protection Committee for the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha's authority area, consisting of the following named individuals:

1. Committee Chairman - Mr. Somasiri Weeraman, Chairman, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.
2. Committee Secretary - Ms. M.D.G. Deshani Dilrukshi, Community Development Officer, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha.
3. Advisors - i. Venerable Dhammasiri Wahala Meen, Chief Incumbent, Indrarama Ancient Temple, Malimbada. Page 7 of 14 Report of the Monthly Meeting held on 2022.01.11

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ii. Venerable Wimala Wahala Meen, Chief Incumbent, Sri Nagarukkarama Temple, Dampella.

4. Members - i. Hon. Member Diwahana Dharmawardhana, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha. ii. Hon. Member Nirosha Pushpadasari, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha. iii. Hon. Member Harshani Gunawardena, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha. iv. Hon. Member P.G. Tharanga, Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha. v. Ms. Damayanthi Warnasooriya, Community Police

Unit, Malimbada. vi. Ms. K.N. Sujeewa Jayawath, Primary Child Development Officer, Divisional Secretariat, Malimbada. vii. Ms. G.M.A. Thenuka Madushani, Environmental Development Officer, Divisional Secretariat, Malimbada. viii. Mr. Ajith Prawanna, Divisional Secretariat, Malimbada. ix. Ms. Yamuna D. Goiyapala, Women's Rights Community Officer, Divisional Secretariat, Malimbada. x. Ms. P.D. Ranmali, Counseling Officer, Divisional Secretariat, Malimbada. xi. Ms. Dilmi Ranaweera, Child Protection Officer, Divisional Secretariat, Malimbada. xii. Ms. R. Ranjani, President, Malimbada Central Park Community Organization. xiii. Mr. K.G. Gnanarathna, Retired Government Officer, Malimbada. xiv. Ms. P. Inoka, Former Preschool Teacher, Akurugoda.

Proposer: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman **Seconded:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:10 It was decided to establish a Child and Women Protection Committee for the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha's authority area, consisting of the following named individuals:

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Proposal Number 6:11 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to appoint the following named officers to the Stores and Goods Inspection and Recommendation Board.

Chairman - Mr. Somasiri Weeraman - Chairman Members - Ms. Awanka Kumari - Secretary

- Ms. M.D.G. Deshani Dilrukshi - Community Development Officer
- Ms. A.V. Anjalika Udayanthi - Technical Services Officer
- Mr. B.A. Kumudu Shantha - Technical Services Officer
- Ms. Asarala Piyumini - Revenue Inspector
- Mr. Nihal Karunanayaka - Sanitation Services Officer

Proposer: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman **Seconded:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

Accordingly, the proposal was unanimously approved by the assembly.

Decision Number 6:11 It was decided to appoint the following named officers to the Stores and Goods Inspection and Recommendation Board.

Chairman - Mr. Somasiri Weeraman - Chairman Members - Ms. Asanka Kumari - Secretary

- Ms. M.D.G. Deshani Dilrukshi - Community Development Officer
- Ms. A.V. Anjalika Udayanthi - Technical Services Officer
- Mr. B.A. Kumudu Shantha - Technical Services Officer
- Ms. Asarala Piyumini - Revenue Inspector
- Mr. Nihal Karunanayaka - Sanitation Services Officer

Proposal Number 6:12 I respectfully propose to the esteemed assembly to appoint the following named officers from within the institution, who possess computer knowledge, as members of the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha's Technical Evaluation Committee.

Chairman - Mr. H.W. Pradeep Pushpa Kumara - Development Officer Members - Ms. H.H. Asanka Kumari - Secretary

- Ms. M.D.G. Deshani Dilrukshi - Community Development Officer
- Mr. G.G. Chaturika Sunil Sampath Mewa - Development Officer

Proposer: Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman **Seconded:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara Report of the Monthly Meeting held on 2022.01.11

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- Ms. M.D.G. Deshani Dilrukshi - Community Development Officer
- Mr. G.G. Chaturika Sunil Sampath Mewa - Development Officer

Approval of Working Committee Reports / Committee Reports.

- The tender opening for the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha's own public properties for the year 2022 was held on 2021.12.15 at 10:30 a.m., and the tender committee report was presented to the assembly.

Review of Income and Expenditure Reports.

- The consolidated financial statement for the month of November 2021 was approved by the assembly.
- Monthly statement of revenue collection and outstanding revenue - November 2021.

Other Matters.

Hon. Member Sagala Edirisuriya Wishing everyone a blessed and prosperous new beginning. Mr. Chairman, residents informed me by telephone that a land called Hinnakmulla belonging to the Kirimetiwila North Grama Niladhari division is currently being sold by a vendor. Previously, 05 acres of this land were sold. Apparently, there was an agreement that when the next 05 acres were sold, a portion would be given to the council. However, there is a suspicion that now about ½ acre is being divided and sold secretly. There is an accusation that the council is not looking into this. Several people spoke to me asking to take the common portion that the council can get. Let's investigate this and display a notice today itself to stop this activity.

Hon. Chairman Sevomasiri Weeraman Honorable Member, I was informed about this last night. I reject the claim that the council is silent. We will try our best to obtain the maximum possible amount.

Appointment to Working Committees **Proposer:** Hon. Member Suman Denipitiyage **Second:** Hon. Member G.P. Udayashantha

Appointment to the Maha Sabha (presumably a main council or committee) **Proposer:** Hon. Member Bandula Dikmadugoda **Second:** Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara

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Hon. Vice Chairman P.G. Palitha Kumara Honorable Member Sagala made a proposal. When selling these lands, we have continuously had issues with promised portions not being received. We have a similar experience regarding the Shanthi Watta land in Akurugoda. During the sale of that land, the vendor agreed to give a portion of his land to the council. However, we did not receive it. Due to that, we lost 60 perches that we should have received from Shanthi Watta.

Government officials change frequently. Although the officials are new, I know that the new officials are studying the files. The council did not prevent the sale of this land.

The land called Hinnakkammulla did not have proper development at that time. Roads were built by a subsequent government. There was no electricity or water. These should be inherited by

future generations. The needs of today's generation should fulfill a requirement for future generations. Basic infrastructure should be available. Even when the Kadukanna Walawwa garden was sold, there was no common area. Selling half an acre is not appropriate; the council should obtain its due share. When obtaining loans from state banks using land deeds, when the required land extent is insufficient, people get surveyors to falsely show 10 perches as 20 perches to obtain loans and get into trouble. No one shows any of these requirements when they get the opportunity to buy land. At that time, their only goal is to acquire the land. Therefore, Honorable Chairman, we have a responsibility to act as intermediaries and ensure that whenever land is sold, the vendor of that land fulfills these common amenities.

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman We will not allow such incidents to happen in the present. The relevant subject officer is also handling such matters very efficiently. We have arranged work to follow up on every land sale. The relevant responsibilities have been assigned. When the Veshangoda land was sold, we did not have a right to obtain a land block. However, we took it amicably. When the land approval comes, we say to give us a portion. We will not allow land to be sold haphazardly like that during this time. However, I don't know if there are things being done without our knowledge. There are 17 members. They are spread throughout the authority area. Members have a duty to investigate if land is being sold, subdivided, or roads are being constructed in their respective authority areas. Members should fulfill that duty. If they inform us about such matters, we will intervene. During my time, I have not allowed anyone to subdivide and sell land as they please.

Hon. Member Lasantha Ranasinghe Wishing everyone a blessed and prosperous new beginning. Honorable Chairman, we have an efficient officer, Ms. Lawanya. She is the officer who brings development to the Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha. In every task, she collects the due portion and carries out the work. If we take the Malimbada authority area, the coconut lands are mostly in the Sultanagoda Kotimawa area. Now, all that is being systematically managed. I mentioned Manamperi Watta before. Now, a land being sold under the name Lake Side is progressing. There was a good coconut land. That land has now become barren. Seven acres were sold. There is information that plans are being prepared to sell the remaining 07 acres as well. Those people secretly destroyed the coconut cultivation. A large project was undertaken to plant coconut trees by the Honorable Minister Navin Dissanayake's time, spending millions. All that was pushed aside, and that matter happened. All that is now over. With much effort and in an environmentally friendly manner as we envisioned, that project was carried out with the intervention

Hon. Member Yohan Samanatha Nadakanda Wishing everyone a blessed and prosperous new beginning. We are currently developing the road from Udalaththa to Kirimetiwiwa, which is the Udalaththa Pansala Road, to make it wider. There is a large Imbul tree there, near the Udalaththa fair. We spoke with the RDA, and they said to cut down and remove the Imbul tree. I propose that the council intervene and cut down and remove it.

Previously, a proposal was made to cut down and remove the branches of trees that have fallen onto the Adhikariwila Community Hall and to repair the broken roof tiles of the hall. In this regard, I have another proposal: if possible, we should hire someone to cut down trees for the council. Because we always have to rely on those who cut down trees.

Similarly, we are currently facing a slight inconvenience in maintaining streetlights. Therefore, I request that those items be brought and the work expedited as soon as possible. Thank you.

Hon. Member Bandula Dikmadugoda Honorable Chairman, in the Kandashena section of the Korahilagoda Estate in the Akurassa area, rubber is being tapped in the Alnariya line. To transport this rubber, a backhoe is being used to cut roads, and through these improper roads, damage is being caused to people's cultivation and property. The Estate Authority has taken no action in this regard so far. First, the lower part was cut, and now the upper part is being cut. Due to this, a large number of people have been inconvenienced. Therefore, I request you to inform the Estate Authority and take appropriate action.

Hon. Member Rachintha Mohotti Wishing the Chairman and everyone a blessed new beginning. Honorable Chairman, I am speaking about a road in the authority area that is deteriorating. The Nage Kanda Mula Road is used daily by a large number of vehicles and a large number of people to access Horagoda, and it is more used by people than the main Horagoda road. This is a road that was improved by allocating a large sum of money for the previously existing footpath. The Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha intervened. It can be said to be a road completed with a very successful outcome in the authority area. However, today, those who travel frequently see that the road is deteriorating day by day. Because the drainage system of the road is completely blocked. After the road was constructed, during the heavy rains, water collected. Due to this, in all the places where water could flow into the houses on both sides of the road, no water outlets were installed. Due to this, after the construction, the drains have become blocked everywhere, and mud has washed down from the hills, causing mudslides in many places. Children from distant areas in the Horagoda and Welivahana areas come to the Royal College and the Technical Central College and pass through there. According to the request of these residents, a JCB machine was used to improve it to some extent. However, that is not a proper solution. I request the Honorable Chairman to advise them to install culverts in the places where access to houses is blocked, to repair the drainage system, and to arrange a plan to protect this road. Also, the irregular cultivation work in the land called Nakandagoda is causing soil erosion and landslides into the paddy fields. No notification has been given to the landowners regarding this. I request that technical officers and relevant officers be sent to repair that road very quickly and to arrange a plan to protect it without allowing it to deteriorate further.

Hon. Chairman Somasiri Weeraman Following the request of the people, we cleared a drain. I will send a machine to continue clearing along that road. Let's intervene and do that. Let's allocate funds for approximately one kilometer of work. Until then, let's clear the drain.

Hon. Member Peramunage Ajith Nalaka I have only two points to make. This is not a matter belonging to the council. However, it is something that needs to be brought to attention. When the RDA or PRDA improved the Kadduwa main road, they laid ABC and widened the road from Kadduwa junction to Muththettumulla. After that improvement, that road has now become so difficult that it is even impossible to walk on. About 14 buses operate daily. This is a major road from Kadduwa to Mathara. Also, near the Malpiyali house in Katuwangoda, the shoulders of the road have eroded. People are falling down there. A large number of bikes have also fallen. This brings disrepute to our government. I request you to inform the relevant sections to restore these two places to their original condition.

Hon. Member Suman Dedenipitiyage Wishing everyone a new beginning filled with peace, happiness, prosperity, a stable economy with no high costs, and low prices for goods.

Honorable Chairman, I inquired about the Cooperative Center. There is a rumor circulating that the Kirimetiwiwila Cooperative Center is being planned to be brought back to Malimbada. Several villagers inquired about this. We are grateful to the Honorable Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena for providing this Cooperative Center to Kirimetiwiwila. When there was an attempt to establish an agricultural department's sound station, the then Honorable Minister of Finance, Mangala Samaraweera, stopped it. Currently, the work of the Cooperative Center is being carried out in the Dharma Hall of the Sri Wardhanarama Temple. The Venerable monks are giving their full support without any hindrance. I don't know if there are plans to bring the Cooperative Center to Malimbada when the building of the Divisional Secretariat is completed and those works are finished. I need to ask the Chairman and find out. As this is a region with a dense population, it would be best if that Cooperative Center remained at the Kirimetiwiwila junction. There is no suitable place near the Kirimetiwiwila junction within this Kotimawa area for holding urgent Montessori festivals or urgent meetings. Therefore, Honorable Chairman, if there are plans to bring it here, please don't. Currently, the swan building of the Cooperative Center has been built along with a meeting hall. I request that the government allocate some funds to build it properly in Kirimetiwiwila.

After the Chairman's vote of thanks, the council's work was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Chairman
Malimbada Pradeshiya Sabha