COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965   Reference No. 274/U/119

In the Matter of Bala Green, Bala,
Meirionnydd D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 3 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Merioneth County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Meirionnydd District Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Dolgellau on 9 March 1982. At the hearing the District Council was represented by Mr J G Roberts, Assistant Solicitor in its employ.

The greater part of the Unit land was included in the property conveyed by a Deed of 30 August 1861 to the use of Simon Jones in trust for the Bala Local Government Board to be devoted to the use of the Inhabitants of Bala. The remaining part - a small area of about one perch - was by a Conveyance dated 9 December 1879 conveyed by Edward Breese to the Bala Local Government Board.

The Meirionydd District Council is the successor Authority to Bala Urban District Council, itself the successor to the Local Government Board.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Meirionnydd District Council is the owner of the Unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gwynedd County Council, as registration authority, to register it as the owner under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous _in point of law_ may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated   7 April   1982

                                                L.J. Morris Smith

                                                Commons Commissioner