



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 50/D/24

In the Matter of land between
Llyn Dinas and roadside wall near Y Geirth
Beddgelert

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No 1 in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 13 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Caernarvonshire County Council and is occasioned by the conflicting registration at Entry No 1 in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 62 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Council.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Caernarvon on 31st January 1973. The hearing was attended by Mr G Llew Jones, the Chairman and acting Clerk of Beddgelert Parish Council.

Mr Llew Jones testified that this piece of land had been the subject of dispute for many years between the owners or lessees of Hotels in Beddgelert - he mentioned the Saracen Head Hotel and the Royal Goat Hotel - who claimed the right to use the land for the purpose of obtaining access to the lake (Llyn Dinas) and for mooring boats, and the Parish Council who denied that the hotelkeepers had any such rights. Formerly the Saracen Head Hotel used to keep boats on the land for the use of their guests, but the hotel allowed local inhabitants to use the boats when not required by guests.

The land has been used, for upwards of 60 years to the knowledge of Mr Llew Jones, by holiday makers as a site for tents and caravans. Any use of the site for that purpose by local inhabitants appears to have been rare.

The only other use of the land of which Mr Jones was aware was its occasional use by gypsies, which the Parish Council have sought to discourage.

On this evidence, I find it impossible to hold that the land is a town or village green within the meaning of the definition in section 22(1) of the Commons Registration Act 1965.

For these reasons I refuse to confirm the registration.

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 this 3rd day of March 1973

A. E. Francis

Commons Commissioner