



In the Matter of Tomen Y Bala, Bala

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 6 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 29 April 1980.

At the hearing Mr D E F Williams, Chief Legal Officer of the District Council, appeared on its behalf.

By a Conveyance dated 30 August 1861, land which included the unit land was conveyed by the Crown to Simon Jones in trust for the Local Government Board of the Town of Bala to be devoted to the use of the Inhabitants of Bala. Subsequently the property passed to Bala Urban District Council after its institution in 1888 and then, following the Local Government reorganisation in 1972, to Meirionnydd District Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gwynedd County Council, as registration authority, to register it as the owner of the land 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

9 June

1980

L. J. Morris Bennett
Commons Commissioner