



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 276/U/65

In the Matter of The Piece of land called  
The Gro, Llanidloes, Montgomery D

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Gro, Llanidloes, Montgomery D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 4(M) in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Montgomeryshire 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 Montgomery District Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question 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 Welshpool on 10 December 1976.

Mr Bladon solicitor to the Montgomery District Council appeared and an affidavit sworn on 3 December 1976 by Gwynfor Evans formerly Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer of Llanidloes Borough Council and now Chief Rating Assistant in the Treasurers Department of the Montgomery District Council. There are 33 Exhibits to the said affidavit mostly extracts from the minute books of the said authorities. This evidence established that the said authorities have been in receipt of the rents and profits derived from the land in question since the middle of the last century and that they have maintained and executed substantial works over the land in question. The detailed and praiseworthy researches of Mr Edwards establish beyond doubt that for a period commencing well before living memory the Llanidloes Borough Council was in exclusive occupation of the land and that at the present time Montgomery District Council is in exclusive occupation as the successor to Llanidloes Borough Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Montgomery District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Powys County Council, as registration authority, to register Montgomery District Council 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 this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February

1977

*G. A. Little*

Commons Commissioner