

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 276/U/8

In the Matter of Llanfihangel Talyllyn Common Llanfihangel Talyllyn Brecknock D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Llanfihangel Talyllyn Common Llanfihangel Talyllyn Brecknock D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 53 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Breconshire 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 Mr J M James 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 Brecon on 18 April 1978.

Mr A R Beale of Messrs Gabb & Co appeared for Mr James and Mr E L J Selwyn of Messrs Jeffreys & Powell appeared for Mr V F Morris.

On 12 July 1977 I held a hearing in the course of which I was satisfied to Mat Mr James is now the Lord of the Manor and I adjourned the matter in order to enable Mr James to satisfy me that the land in question is comprised in the Manor.

Mr Selwyn accepted that Mr James is the Lord of the Manor having derived his title from Mrs Elizabeth Jones and having purchased the Lordship from Miss Gatehouse in 1956.

Mr James gave evidence that his father paid a chief rent for the exercise of grazing rights on the common to Mr Hoby as the agent for Mrs Elizabeth Jones.

Mr V F Morris gave evidence and he in the course of his evidence said that he and all the parishioners had always believed that the common was owned by Mrs Elizabeth Jones as the Lady of the Manor. Mr Morris had not appreciated that Mrs Elizabeth Jones had parted with the Lordship and that it was now owned by Mr James. Mr Selwyn in the light of the evidence given by his client did not feel able to contest Mr James' claim to ownership.

Dated this 23 "

day of May

Commons Commissioner