

**P-04-343 Prevent the destruction of amenities on common land –
Anglesey – Correspondence from Isle of Anglesey County Council**

30 May 2013

Petitions Committee

Dear Sir,

Re: Petition relating to Marian common, Llangoed, Anglesey.

I refer to the letter I received from Mr Richard Parry Jones, Chief Executive, Anglesey County Council regarding the above common land in Llangoed. I am very pleased that the Petitions Committee has shown a great interest in events.

Following the events two years ago, when a vast area of the Marian's common land in Llangoed was destroyed by development, I had a number of difficulties. Some people did their best to undermine me because I had stood up for the rights of local people to oppose the force of a landowner, and this affected my work as a county councillor. I thank the county's chief monitoring officer for her assistance, however I feel that not enough has been done on a statutory level to defend the rights of open common land.

The land has been registered in the name of Llangoed Community Council, but there was little that it could do to prevent the destruction. A large piece of land was destroyed in June but North Wales Police's Nature Officer could do nothing about the damage to an important habitat. The developer continues to drive machinery across the land, sometimes.

The Community Council has few powers and there needs to be more compulsory collaboration with the County Council. I believe that improved statutory laws are required to ensure the future of open land for our children and communities. Today, as a result of intense farming, nature is under threat, and common land is important for nature and a number of wild species.

I would be very pleased to receive a written response to my comments.

Yours faithfully,

Lewis Davies