

P-04-343 Prevent the destruction of amenities on common land - Anglesey -  
Correspondence from the petitioner and associates to the Committee,  
08.07.2013

Petitions Committee meeting July 16th 2013

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Petition P-04-343 shows the strength of feeling over the destruction of amenities on common land and augments the preceding paper petition containing over 300 names which called for the protection of Marian Common, Llangoed. We fully support the petitioner and the views of Mr Lewis Davies in his letter to you dated 30<sup>th</sup> May. We fear that, unless there are stronger statutory laws to prevent the acquisition of common land for private development, Marian Common, and other commons in Wales, will be lost forever to the detriment of local communities and the natural environment.

Dr Karen Pollock & Mr Tom Pollock

Re: Petitions Committee meeting 16th July 2013.

Subject: P.04-343 - Preventing the destruction of amenities on common land on Anglesey.

Dear Sir,

As the owner of a property that gives on to Marian Common, I am quite naturally concerned at the wilful and inconsiderate clearing and destruction of this land by an individual for his own needs.

I wholeheartedly agree with the petitioner's request and support the county councillor, Lewis Davies, who has spent so much time and effort seeking to uphold the rights of the community, not the developer, for whom this land is rightfully intended. My sincere hope is that the Anglesey County Council will show itself to be just as caring as he is when it comes to safeguarding the interests of the general public and protecting the invaluable natural heritage of Wales.

Human nature being what it is, however, I fear that only statutory regulation will settle matters of this kind to ensure that our children and grandchildren still have common land to share and enjoy.

On behalf of all the "common" people who live nearby and who have been so distressed by this situation, may I thank you for your interest and appeal for your intervention.

Yours faithfully,

Janet Latham.

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I wish to endorse the views of the petitioner and those of the County Councillor who wrote to you.

Our neighbourhood in Llangoed, and indeed the whole of Wales, require the strengthening of statute to prevent the wilful destruction of Common land. After all, it is what it says on the tin.....land that is in common use for all to enjoy.

The use of heavy machinery and the unwarranted and unannounced bulldozing of a new road through the Marian Common has resulted in rain water running off the cleared land which now pools at the entrance to our property. Both our local Community Council and the County Council appear not to have the resources to deal with such abuse and I appeal for your help and hope that Anglesey County Council will respond to your very pertinent request for action before the meeting on the 16th July.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

John Butcher