

ROLE OF COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- ii) The term "public rights of way" is used to mean paths, tracks and unmetalled roads over which the public have the right to walk and in some cases ride horses and possibly drive motor vehicles.

These may be classified as follows:-

- A **footpath**: over which the right of way is on foot only.
- A **bridleway**: over which there is a right of way on foot and on horseback or leading a horse, and also for the use of a pedal cycle.
- A **byway open to all traffic**: this means a highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used by the public mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used.
- iii) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 places a duty on the County Borough Council to keep the existing definitive map under continuous review, make Modification Orders as necessary to take account of the occurrence of events requiring the map to be modified and to prepare definitive maps for any part of the area not previously surveyed.
- iv) The definitive map and statement will be modified by means of Orders made by the surveying authority i.e. the County Borough Council. The Wildlife and Countryside Act enables any person to apply to the surveying authority for an order to amend the definitive map.
- v) The procedure for making such an application is detailed in Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The application before you complies with these requirements.
- vi) When determining the application members will be acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. Before making an order, members must be satisfied that the evidence shows, **on the balance of probabilities**, that a right of way of a particular description exists. Each application must be dealt with on its own merits, noting the interests of both the applicants and the landowners.
- vii) This application is concerned with rights that are alleged to exist and not as to whether it would be prudent or beneficial to create them. The suitability of a way for users who have a right to use it, for example the nuisance that they are alleged to cause are not factors that should be considered by the Committee. **Members are also required to view the route of the proposed right of way in question.**

- viii) When considering the evidence that follows, members must be aware of the provisions of Section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 thus enabling members to determine whether there is sufficient weight of evidence to make an order.

Section 31 of the Highways Act states:-

"where a way over any land other than a way of such a character that use of it by the public could not be given rise at common law to any presumption of dedication, has been actually enjoyed by the public as a right and without interruption for a full period of 20 years, the way is to be deemed to have been dedicated a highway unless there is sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it."

If in the case before you members are satisfied that the right of way has been used for a period in excess of 20 years, then there arises a presumption that the owner intended to dedicate the path as a right of way. It should be noted by members that the said 20 year period must be calculated retrospectively from the date when the way was first called into question.

- ix) If following the site visit the Committee decides to make an Order, then once this decision has been reached the County Borough Council has to give notice of its general effect. Following members' decision there is a right of appeal to the National Assembly for Wales. A period of at least 42 days from the date of first publication of the notice must be allowed for objections."

If there are any valid objections the County Borough Council has to refer the Order, together with the objections to the National Assembly for Wales who will then arrange for the Order and the objections to be considered by an independent Inspector. If no valid objections are made within the objection period then the County Borough Council may confirm the order itself as an unopposed Order.

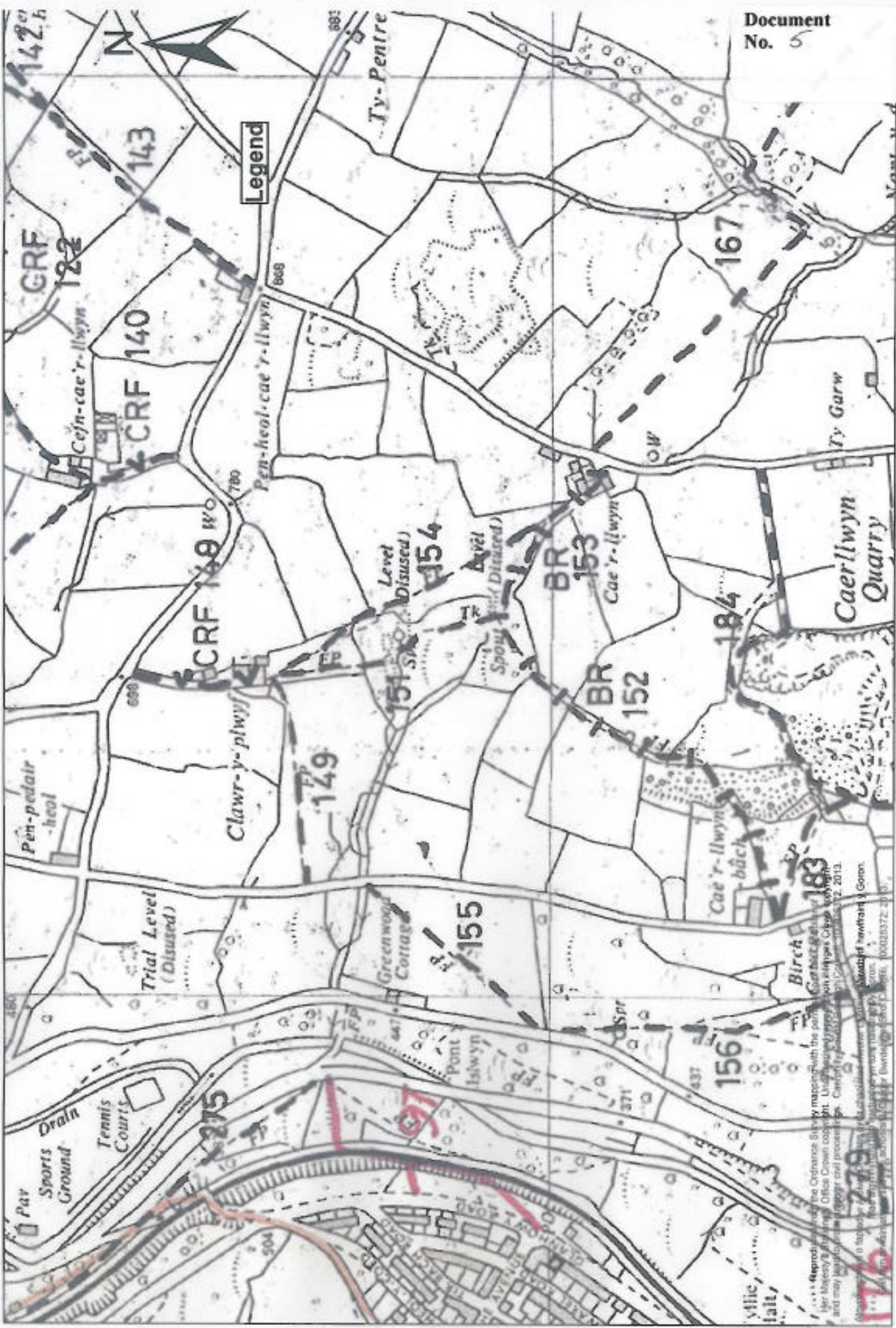


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Arwyddwyd o'r ffordd i'r ddaeth ym 1998. (Maf o'r Mynyddislwyn yn ymestyn i'r Gornog)

Mae'r arwyddiadau hysbysu'n hysbysu'r Cae'r-Ilwyn.

Gell hysbysu'n hysbysu'r Cae'r-Ilwyn.



FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A NOTICE TO TAKE

CAERLWYN MAWR FARM,
YNYSSON,
NEWPORT
Gwent,
NP1176A

27-03-03

Mr. D. Williams,
Chief Engineer,
C.C.B.L.,
Blackwood,
NP22 4W

[REDACTED]

17385

31 MAR 2003

Dear Mr. Williams,

AM.

AJS

Please find enclosed completed forms
and map showing proposed bridleway in green.

I must object to any proposal to open the said
bridleway simply because it has never been used in my
60 years living at Caerlwyn Mawr, and neither does my
late mother recall it being used (she would now be 100 yrs old!)

I would like you to consider the fact also that if
the bridleway were re-opened, anyone using it would have
to open and close at least 6 gates.

A much more appropriate route would be the track
already being used which has its starting point just 100
yards from Caerlwyn Bach and coming back out on to
the main highway only 200 yards from Caerlwyn Mawr.

yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

(C.G. ROBINSON)

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORM W.C.A.5

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside
(Definitive Maps and Statements)
Regulations 1993 (Schedule 7)

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ISLWYN/CAERPHILLY

COMMUNITY OF MYNYDDISLWYN

I/We (name of applicant) CHRISTOPHER GUYLWE RABINSON
of (address of applicant) CAERLLWYN MAWR FARM, YNYSDDU, NEWPORT, GWENT, NP11 7BA

Telephone N° (Home) 01495 200448 (Business) SAME

hereby apply for an Order under Section 53 (2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by:-

1.* Deleting the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N° GREEN LINE ON ATTACHED MAP

leading from CAERLLWYN BACH FARM

to CAERLLWYN MAWR

OR

2.* Adding the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N°

leading from

to

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORM W.C.A.6
FORM OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

SECTION 53(5) OF, AND SCHEDULE 14 TO THE
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside
(Definitive Maps and Statements)
Regulations 1993 (Schedule 8)

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

BOROUGH/DISTRICT OF ISLWYN/CAERPHILLY

COMMUNITY OF MYNDDISLWYN

TO:

OF:

I/W (name of applicant) C.G. ROBINSON

Of (address of applicant) CAERLLWYN MAOR FARM, YNYSSDU, NEUPORT, GWENT NP11 7BP

I/We hereby give notice that on the 28th day of MARCH 2013 I/We made application to the CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL, that the Definitive Map and Statement for the above mentioned Community and Borough be modified by

1.*Deleting the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N° CIREN LINE ON MAP

leading from CAERLLWYN BACH FARM

to CAERLLWYN MAOR FARM

OR

2.*Adding the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N°

leading from

to

3. ***(Upgrading) *(Downgrading) to a *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic) the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)**

shown as N°

leading from

to

OR

4. ***(Varying) *(Adding) to the statement particulars relating to the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)**

shown as N°

leading from

.....

to

(Please state below the modification required)

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Dated 3/7/3/2023 20. Signed 

***Please delete as appropriate**

Rights of Way
 Bridleway
 Cart Road
 Footpath

Castellmaly Tenement
 DEFINITIVE 1912
 TALKED FROM
 DISTANCE SURVEY
 1915



Way No.152
 ddislwyn



1:2500

360 Meters

270

180

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CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER
DELETING PATH NO. 152

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I confirm receipt of the above documents.

Name: *A. Sander* A. SANDER.

Signature:

Date: *8 July 2003.*

Caerllwyn Bach Farm
Tyn Gwyn Road
Ynysddul
Cwmfelinfachs
Caerphilly
NP11 7AY

Your Reference: - BR152 Mynyddislwyn

30th June 2003

Dear Mr Sanders

RE: Path No. 152 at Mynyddislwyn

I refer to my previous letter of 6th May 2003.

I am now in a position to formally appeal against the definitive map in respect of path No. 152.

I enclose the relevant documentation and below is a summary of the enclosures.

1. Deeds of Caerllwyn Bach Farm

H M Land Registry attaches map dated 1901 Ordnance Survey Map Sheet XXV113 O/S 154 ST1893BU St0894 and District Land Registry 12th May 1994 shows path 183 and path 152 as paths.

See Map No.1

2. WCA 8A Statements

In WCA 8A completed by John Copley he clearly states in question 13 that since the 1930s there has only been in existence on Caerllwyn Bach Farm only two styles in respect of path No. 152.

Also in question 17 John Copley states that changes occurred in the route of the path in the 1950s when hard core was taken to Llanwern. This resulted in the route between Caerllwyn Bach Farm and Caerllwyn Mawr Farm being impossible to walk as the style was now located at the top of the pillar of rock approximately 40 feet high.

See Form No.1 and Photograph No.1

In WCA 8A completed by John Lewis you will note from his statement that he only walked path No. 183. However in question 12 and 13 of his statement he advised that both ends of the path were only styles during 1934 to 1936 when he walked the path.

See Form No.2

In WCA 8A completed by Alexander Roberts he also acknowledges that the access to path No. 152 has been by means of a stile for over 50 years.

See Form No.3

In WCA 8A completed by Thomas Booth in other information he advises that for over 65 years access to path No. 183 and front gate of Caerllwyn Back Farm was by means of a stile.

See Form No.4

In WCA 8A completed by Len Burland, question 4 relating to both path No. 183 and No. 152 that in question 22 he agrees that both paths are marked on Ordnance Survey Maps but nothing is shown on the 1846 Title Map.

In the further information question he states that the path on Caerllwyn Back Farmland has been a footpath for over 100 years. However it links up to an old tram road that ran on an adjacent farm's land.

In 'A historical tour around Mynyddislwyn Mountain' written by Len Burland in pages 212 and 213 there is more information detailed regarding details provided in his statement.

See Form No.5 and copies from the book.

In WCA 8A completed by Henry Chivers, Scout Master at Pentwynmawr for over 35 years, he confirms that path 183 had only a stile.

See Form No.6

3. Western Power Distribution

Nick Thorne of Western Power Distribution has provided a copy of a map which was used to supply electricity to Caerllwyn Bach Farm back in 17th January 1955, this again shows path No. 183 as a foot path.

Also enclosed is a sketch and photographs showing transformer section within 10 feet of the stile.

See Map of Western Power and photographs.

4. Reasons

Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 I wish to apply for extinguishment of path No. 152, for the following reasons: -

1. the interests of crime prevention, as the house has suffered two burglaries and vandalism in the last twelve months and there are further details with the appropriate authorities;

2. the path is no longer needed as a right of way, as path No. 152 can not be accessed between Caerllwyn Bach Farm and Caerllwyn Mawr Farm as the stile was located at the top of a pillar of rock which is approximately 40 feet high, as illustrated in the photographs.
3. Statements provided detail that Path No. 152 has been impossible to walk for over 40 years;
4. I have lived at this address for nearly 40 years and have never seen the path being walked during this period;
5. There is an alternative route – CRE 158 leading off Twyn Gwyn Road onto 183A at Caerllwyn Quarry Cottages then onto 184 which will give easy access from map ref. 93591813 to 93781858.

Yours sincerely



J E Purnell

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORM W.C.A.5

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside
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Regulations 1993 (Schedule 7)

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

COUNTY BOROUGH OF CAERPHILLY

COMMUNITY OF: MYNYDDISLWYN
I/We (name of applicant) JOHN E PURNELL CAERLHWYN BACH FARM
of (address of applicant) TWYN GWYN ROAD YNYSODD U NPII FA.

Telephone N° (Home) [REDACTED] (Business) ---

hereby apply for an Order under Section 53 (2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by:-

1.*Deleting the *(~~footpath~~)*(~~bridleway~~)*(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N° 152
leading from CAERLHWYN BACH FARM
to CAERLHWYN MAWR FARM

OR

2.*Adding the *(footpath)*(bridleway)*(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N°
leading from
to



3. *(Upgrading) *(Downgrading) to a *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic) the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N°.....
leading from.....
to.....

OR

4. *(Varying) *(Adding) to the statement particulars relating to the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)

shown as N°.....
leading from.....
to.....

(Please state below the modification required)

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I/we attach a map and copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of witnesses) in support of this application:-

List of Documents provided:-

- 1) SIX SIGNED STATEMENTS N°S WCA 8A
HM LAND REGISTRY
- 2) PLAN ATTACHED TO LAND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE N° WA732675
- 3) HM LAND REGISTRY INDEX MAP RESULT PLAN
- 4) PLAN RECEIVED FROM WESTERN POWER
- 5) SKETCH OF TRANSFORMER STATION
- 6) PHOTOGRAPHS

Dated 8th July 2003
Signed.....

* Please delete appropriate

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Application N°

Date of Receipt

Date Acknowledged

Path N°

Ref.

Completed Forms to be returned to:-

David Williams, B.Sc, M.Sc, Dip T.E.,

C.Dip.A.F., C.Eng., F.I.C.E.

Chief Engineer,

Engineering Division HQ,

Caerphilly County Borough Council,

Council Offices,

Pontllanfraith,

Blackwood. NP2 2YW



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CRF 140

CRF 127

BR 152

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CRF 186 A

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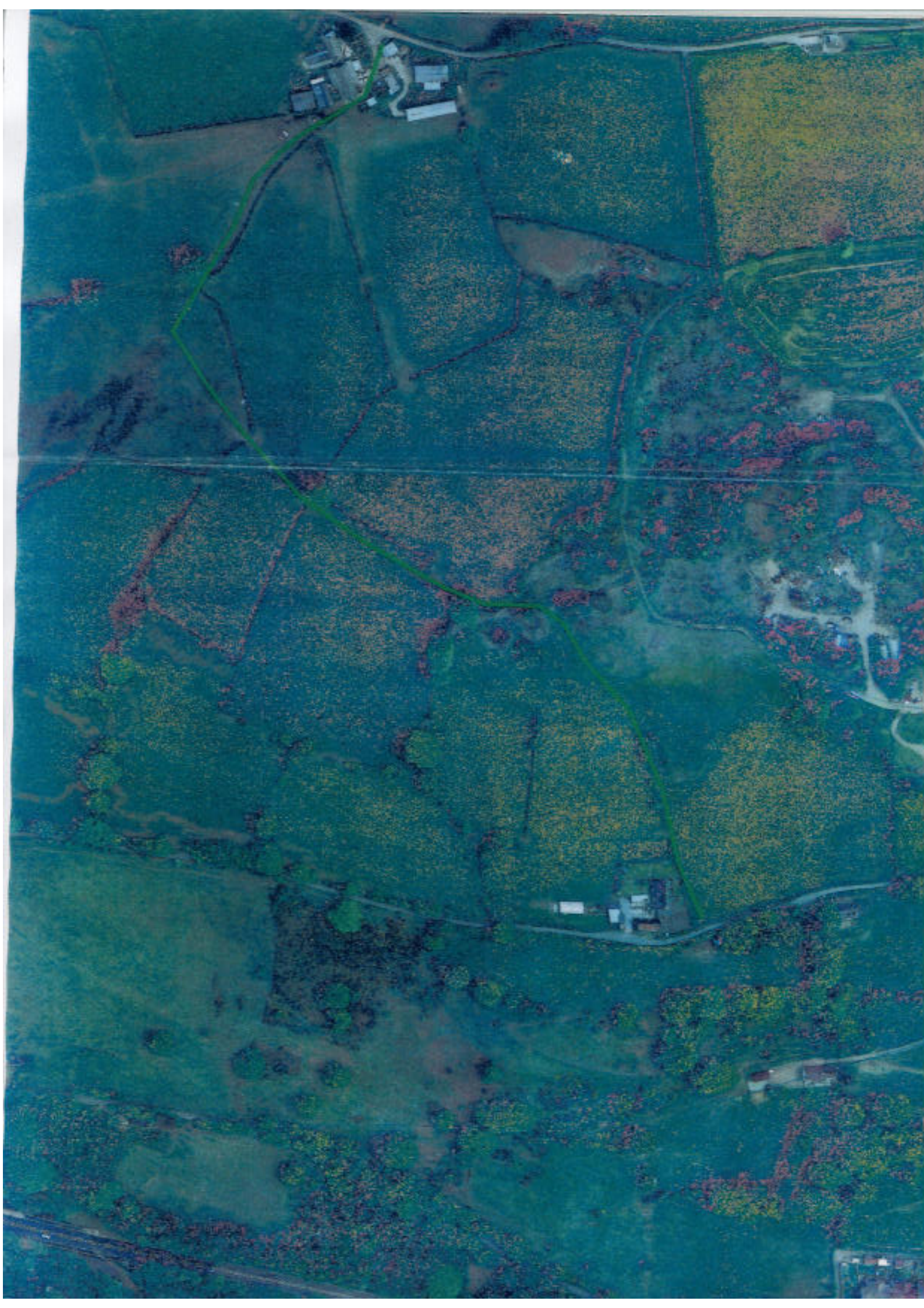
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1 INCH = 1 MILE



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APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER
DELETING PATH NO. 152

SCHEDULE

Path 152 from Tyn Gwyn Road through field no. 1572 on Caerllwyn Bach Farm. Leaves Tyn Gwyn Road at field no. 1572 via east across field for approximately a quarter of a mile. Ends at top of Caerllwyn Quarry as shown on photograph. Path is not well defined.

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORM OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

FORM W.C.A.6

SECTION 53(5) OF, AND SCHEDULE 14 TO THE
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside
(Definitive Maps and Statements)
Regulations 1993 (Schedule 8)

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

BOROUGH/DISTRICT OF CAERPHILLY
COMMUNITY OF LYNYDDISLYN
TO: MR. G. ROBINSON
OF: CAERLLYN MAWR FARM
I/W (name of applicant) J. E. PURNELL
Of (address of applicant) CAERLLYN BACH FARM

I/We hereby give notice that on the 8th July day of 2005 I/We made application to the CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL, that the Definitive Map and Statement for the above mentioned Community and Borough be modified by

1. *Deleting the *(~~footpath~~) *(~~bridleway~~) *(~~byway open to all traffic~~)
shown as N° 152
leading from CAERLLYN BACH FARM TOWN GOWN ROAD
to CAERLLYN MAWR FARM

OR

2. *Adding the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)
shown as N° _____
leading from _____
to _____

3. ***(Upgrading) *(Downgrading) to a *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic) the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)**

shown as N°

leading from

to

OR

4. ***(Varying) *(Adding) to the statement particulars relating to the *(footpath) *(bridleway) *(byway open to all traffic)**

shown as N°

leading from

to

(Please state below the modification required)

DELETING

Dated 8th July 2003 Signed 

***Please delete as appropriate**

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER FORM W.C.A.7

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

The Wildlife and Countryside (Definitive Maps and Statements) Regulations 1993 (Schedule 9)

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

BOROUGH/DISTRICT OF CAERPHILLY
COMMUNITY MYNYDDISLWYD
I/We (name of applicant) J. E. PORNELL
Of (address of applicant) CAERHLLWYD BACH FARM TOWN GAP RD Y/5/500 N/11/717
Telephone N° (Home) [redacted] (Business) [redacted]

hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with. (Paragraph is printed on the reverse of this form).

Details of Modification DELETING OF PATH N° 152.

List of Owners and Occupiers Notified:-

MR G. ROBINSON CAERHLLWYD MAWR FARM MYNYDDISLWYD.

Dated [redacted] 20..
Signed [redacted]

Completed Forms to be returned to:
David Williams, B.Sc, M.Sc, Dip T.E.,
C.Dip.A.F., C.Eng., F.I.C.E.
Chief Engineer,
Engineering Division HQ,
Caerphilly County Borough Council,
Council Offices,
Pontllanfraith,
Blackwood NP23 2VW

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

Schedule 14

Paragraph 2

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the applicant shall serve a notice (W.C.A.6.) stating that the application has been made on every owner and occupier of any land to which the application relates.
- (2) If, after reasonable inquiry has been made, the authority are satisfied that it is not practicable to ascertain the name or address of an owner or occupier of any land to which the application relates, the authority may direct that the notice required to be served on him by sub-paragraph (1) may be served by addressing it to him by the description "owner" or "occupier" of the land (describing it) and by affixing it to some conspicuous object or objects on the land.
- (3) When the requirements of this paragraph have been complied with, the applicant shall certify that fact to the authority.
- (4) Every notice or certificate under this paragraph shall be in the prescribed form.

PropertyPostal number
or description

NP 1 7AY

Name of road

TWIN GWYN

Name of locality

YNYSDDU

Town

CROSSKEYS

Postcode

NP 1 7AY

District or
London BoroughAdministrative
County

GWENT

Ordnance Survey Map Reference 1901 OS Mon 54 (Note 3)

Known Title Number(s)

OS 154 CARDIFF
ST 0893, ST 0894Enter Name and either address including postcode OR (if applicable)
DX number of the person to whom the official certificate of result of
search is to be sent.

MR J. E. PURNELL

CAERWYN BACH FARM

YNYSDDU CROSSKEYS

GWENT NP 1 7AY

Reference

THE INDEX MAP

(Form 96 Result)

It is certified that the official search applied for has been made with the
following result :- (Only the statements opposite the boxes marked X apply.)

- The land _____
is not registered. (Note 5)
- The land _____
is not affected by any caution against first registration
or any priority notice.
- The land _____
is affected by a pending application for first registration
under the following reference _____
- The land _____
is registered freehold under Title No _____
- The land _____
is registered leasehold under Title No _____
- The land _____
is affected by a rentcharge under Title No _____
- The land _____
is affected by a caution against first registration/
priority notice under Title No _____

When applying for first
registration of the above
property or writing in
relation to it, please
enclose this result of
search and any plan
annexed thereto.

12 MAY 1984



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2.1

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4.85

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8.7ha
2.0

1280
7.5ha
0.9

1600
0.23ha
1.2

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0.15ha
1.1

4752
12.4
3.0

THE SWANSEA
154
12 MAY 1994
AIP
DISTRICT LAND REGISTRY

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1.1

3187
1.01ha
2.5

1788
4.05ha
1.0

1982
7.32ha
1.8

1079
1.54ha

1572
1.78ha
6.6

Caerllwys
Quarry
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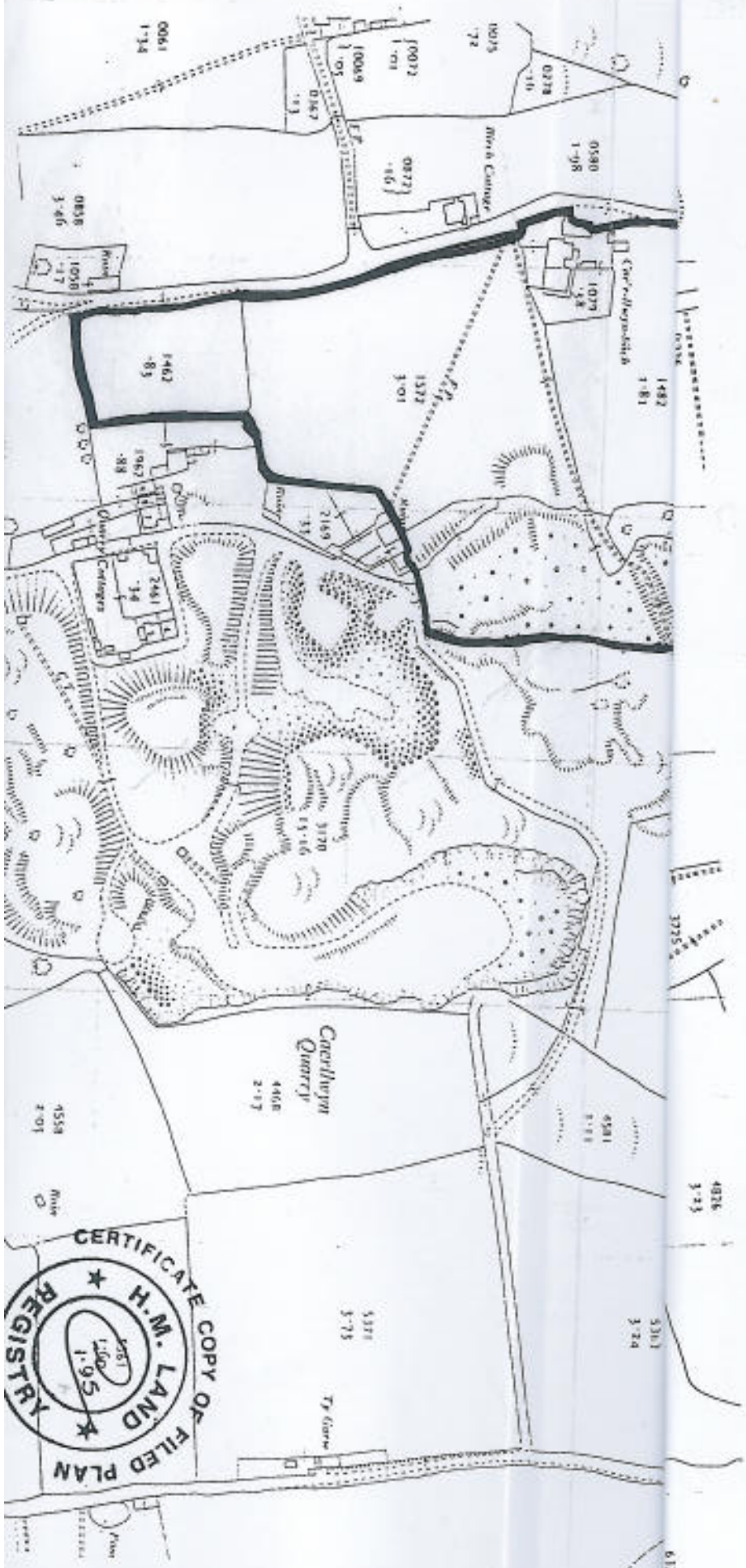
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H.M. LAND REGISTRY

WA 732675

ORDNANCE SURVEY
PLAN REFERENCE

ST1893 ST1894

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COUNTY GWENT

DISTRICT ISLWYN

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MAP NO 1



SOUTH WALES ELECTRIC
 EASTERN SUB
 REPRODUCED FROM THE
 MAP WITH THE
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 1927
 1927-1928
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Mynyddislwyn
 Quarry

Cae'n-llwyn

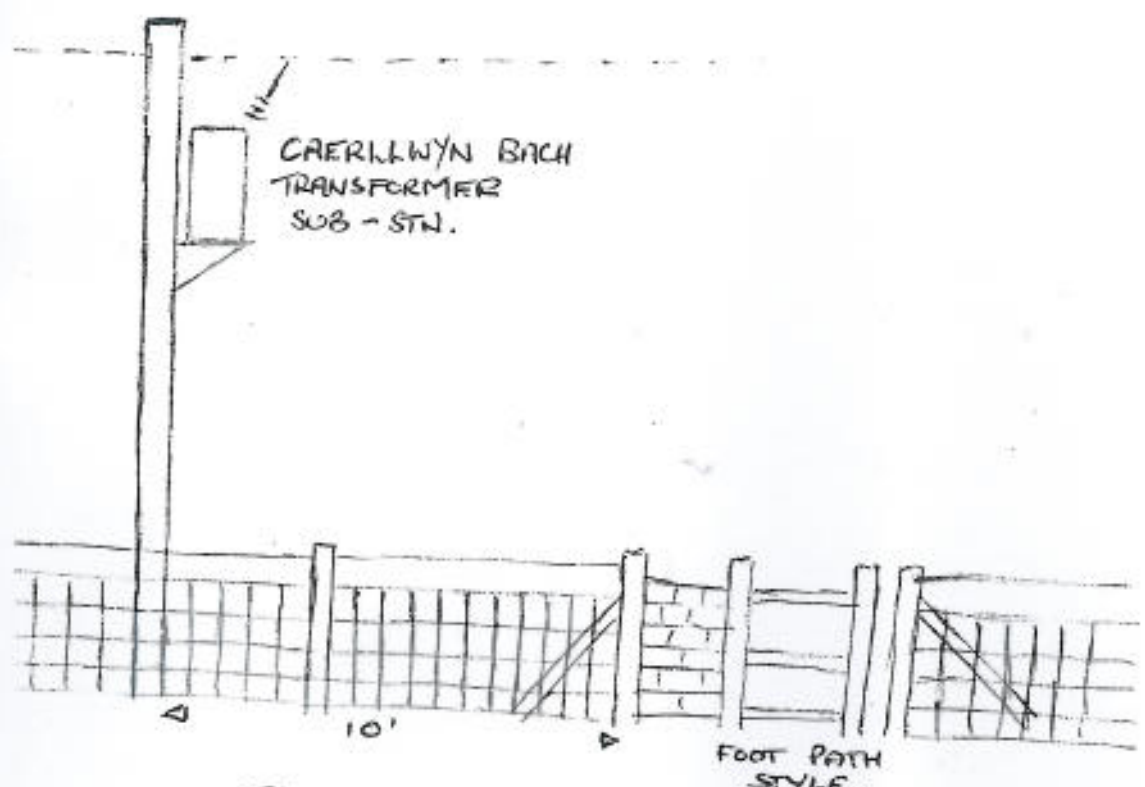
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Old Trial Spot

1603



TWYN GWYN RD

CUNEIFE/INEFA

THE TRANSFORMER REQUIRES AN ELECTRICIAN
JOB AT BASE OF POLE!



PHOTOGRAPH
No 1

X MARKS THE
POINT OF THE
STYLE THAT
PREVIOUSLY
EXISTED AS
EXPLAINED IN
STATEMENT OF
JOHN COBLEY



PHOTOGRAPH No 2
OFF TWYN GWYN
ROAD.

Planning permission was granted in December 1948 to Caerllwyn Quarries Ltd. for the continuation of quarrying and stone crushing here.

In the early 1950s Italian workers were brought to work in this quarry as well as at Cwmnantyrodyn, when this quarry also had a contract to supply stone for the building of the Elan Valley dams in mid Wales.

In 1953 the production at this quarry was 20,000 tons a year, with an estimated maximum production of 50,000 tons a year. At that date the estimated approved life of the quarry was 40 years. The quarry was operating in 1956/57 producing Blue Pennant for paving and walls. Blasting was carried out once every 4-6 months.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s the ground was being prepared for the massive Lanwern Steelworks on marshland. Millions of tons of hardcore were needed. Some of that came from Mynyddislwyn Quarry and the upper ground of Caerllwyn Bach Farm, where two pillars of rock are left standing. The land would have gone up to the top of these pillars, and there was a stile on the top of one of them, so the footpath has had to be diverted.

In the last years of the 19th Century, Mynyddislwyn Quarry was operated by John Lewis, a timber and stone merchant, of Pontypridd. He also ran the nearby Caerllwyn Colliery. He entered into an agreement with J.C. Herbert of Llanarth Estate to lease land off the Estate to build a tramroad from the quarry to remove the stone. That tramroad would also pick up coal from Caerllwyn Colliery. The agreement took effect from 25th, December 1897, for 42 years, and gave John Lewis power to build an *'Incline Railway or Tramway, with safes, connections, stationary engines, machinery, plant, and all other works necessary thereto, and to go and repress over and along the same with or without waggon, horses, locomotive, steam or other engines or winding ropes'*. As the map on the following page shows, the tramroad would leave the quarry and pass by the mouth of two coal levels before dropping steeply down hill to cross the River Sirhowy on the Pont Gam (Crooked Bridge) and then run northwards on the Penllwyn Tramroad, before climbing steeply up hill to join the railway running from Tredegar to Newport between the Halfway and Bluebell pubs at Gelligroes.

John Lewis would pay a fixed yearly rent of £4 16s 3d for the land, and also a wayleave rent of one half penny for every ton of coal, stone, and other minerals carried down the tramroad. The minimum royalty was £15 a year, so if tonnages carried each year did not amount to £15 worth of half pennies, John Lewis had to pay the difference. (This amounted to a minimum of 7,200 tons being carried each year).

However, something went wrong for John Lewis, because on the 1st December 1903 he surrendered the lease and cancelled the agreement, having to pay a rent amounting to £108 19s 4d in respect of the land in the agreement. From that date he had no rights to the tramroad down the mountain, and probably not to the quarry or colliery either. He must have overstretched himself financially and become bankrupt. It is an interesting speculation as to whether he bought Jumbo Town and gave it its new name of Lewis Town, because as the following advertisements show not only was John Lewis selling

houses in Mynyddislwyn Quarry, 'someone' was also selling the nine houses of Jumbo Town (Lewis Terrace). It seems too much of a coincidence. That sale was advertised to take place on 17th June 1903, six months before he surrendered his lease. Was it a desperate last act to try to raise enough capital to keep his quarry and colliery open?

