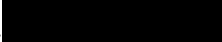


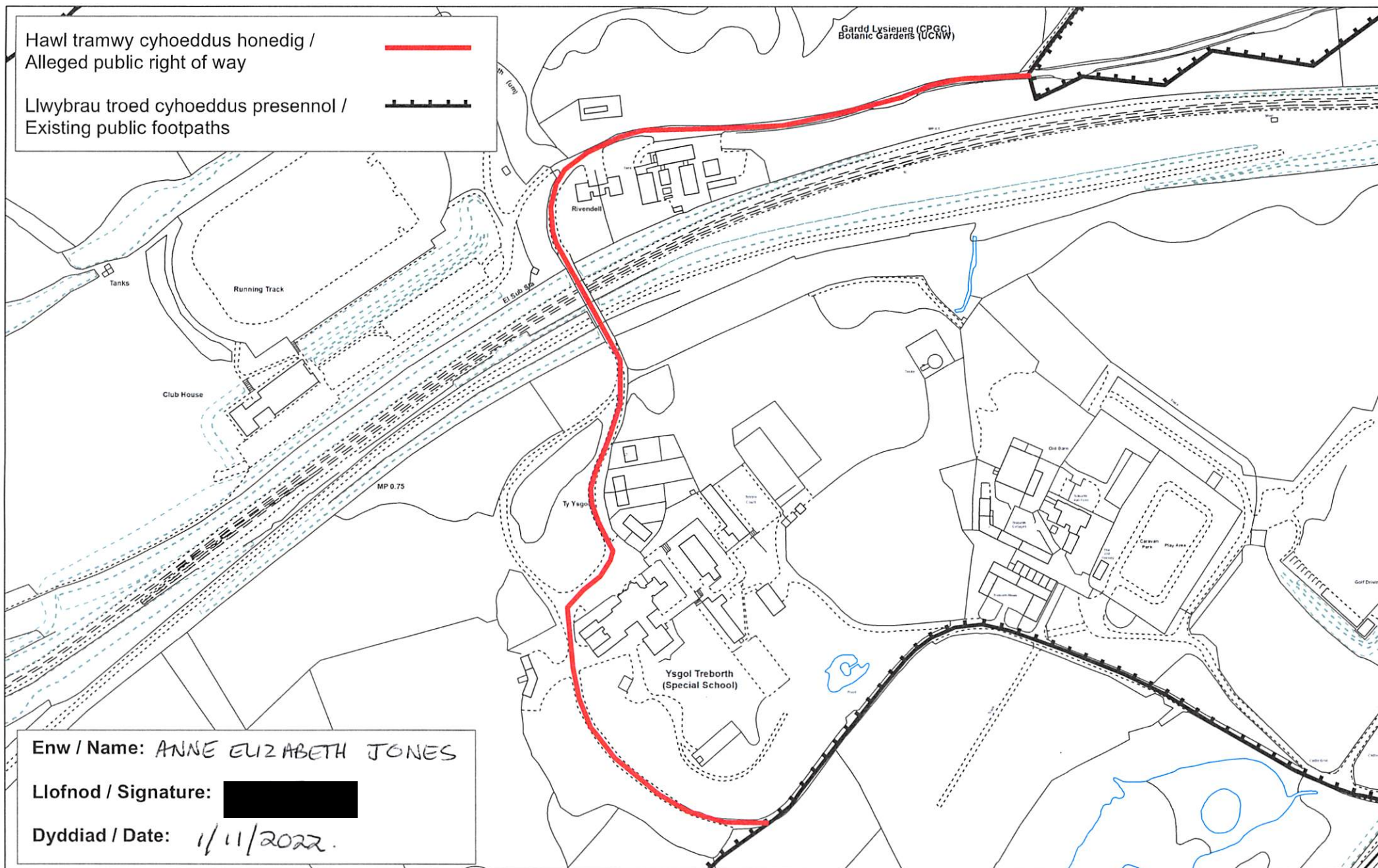
Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Anne Elizabeth Jones of Bronwydd, Ffordd Bronwydd, Treborth, Bangor make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. I would normally use this footpath as part of a circuit. My walk starts from my house and heading down Ffordd Bronwydd to go over a stile. This joins a public right of way which crosses two fields. At the end of this public of way, it comes out by the small lane and I would turn left traveling up the small lane, past the Penrhosgarnedd football club. After passing the football club, I walk towards the old school and turn slightly left to pass the front of the old Treborth school. At this part, the footpath continues on a tarmac lane to also pass some houses and continues towards the railway bridge. After reaching the railway bridge, I would normally continue towards the Wales coastal path and loop back in the direction of Britannia bridge, back to Ffordd Bronwydd and arrive back home.
3. I first started using the footpath since we moved here around 45 years ago in 1976. I have fond memories of going on this footpath with my children. Sometimes the children would take their bikes and go on the alternative track through the trees by the front of the old Treborth school. It was also one of our much enjoyed walks with our dog as it was also very convenient circuit walk from our home. We would use the footpath consistently throughout the year.
4. I would normally be using the footpath around once or twice a month on weekends. I have heard of people being challenged for using the footpath at the front of the old Treborth school and due to this I have stopped going on the footpath. The last time I remember walking the footpath was around a couple of years ago in around January time.
5. I have been using the footpath when it was still open as a school and during this time, the headmasters and staff of the school had always been very welcoming towards us and it was a friendly relationship. The school never made us feel like we shouldn't be walking on the footpath past the school.
6. On my walk this way, sometimes my husband or grandchildren would join me. Now that there has been recent trouble on the footpath, I don't feel comfortable to pass on the footpath especially with my grandchildren.
7. I do remember seeing some signs around. One sign said 'Private Road' this was one the gate near Treborth Mews. I would normally cross the fields on the other public right of way which meets the lane half way up to the old school. I would normally not see this sign coming from my usual direction across the fields. I believe 'Private Road' is for the cars trying to drive up the lane and not walkers. There are also other 'Private' signs near the front of Treborth Hall. They are dotted around and are red and white in colour. These signs appeared around 5 years ago. No such signs were here when we started using the footpath only these which have appeared recently.
8. I have not been personally challenged before for using the footpath, however my grandson and his friends have been challenged and they were only twelve years old. I have heard of the man who harassed people for using the footpath can be quite intimidating and I do not wish to be confronted for using the footpath and have stopped for this reason. It is a lovely walk and it is a shame to have lost this footpath which provides much connections in the area such as the Wales coastal path.

Date:.....27th October.....2022

Signature:..........



Llwybr Cyhoeddus Honedig / Alleged Public Footpath
Treborth, Bangor, LL57 2RX. Cyf. Grid / Grid Ref - SH5570

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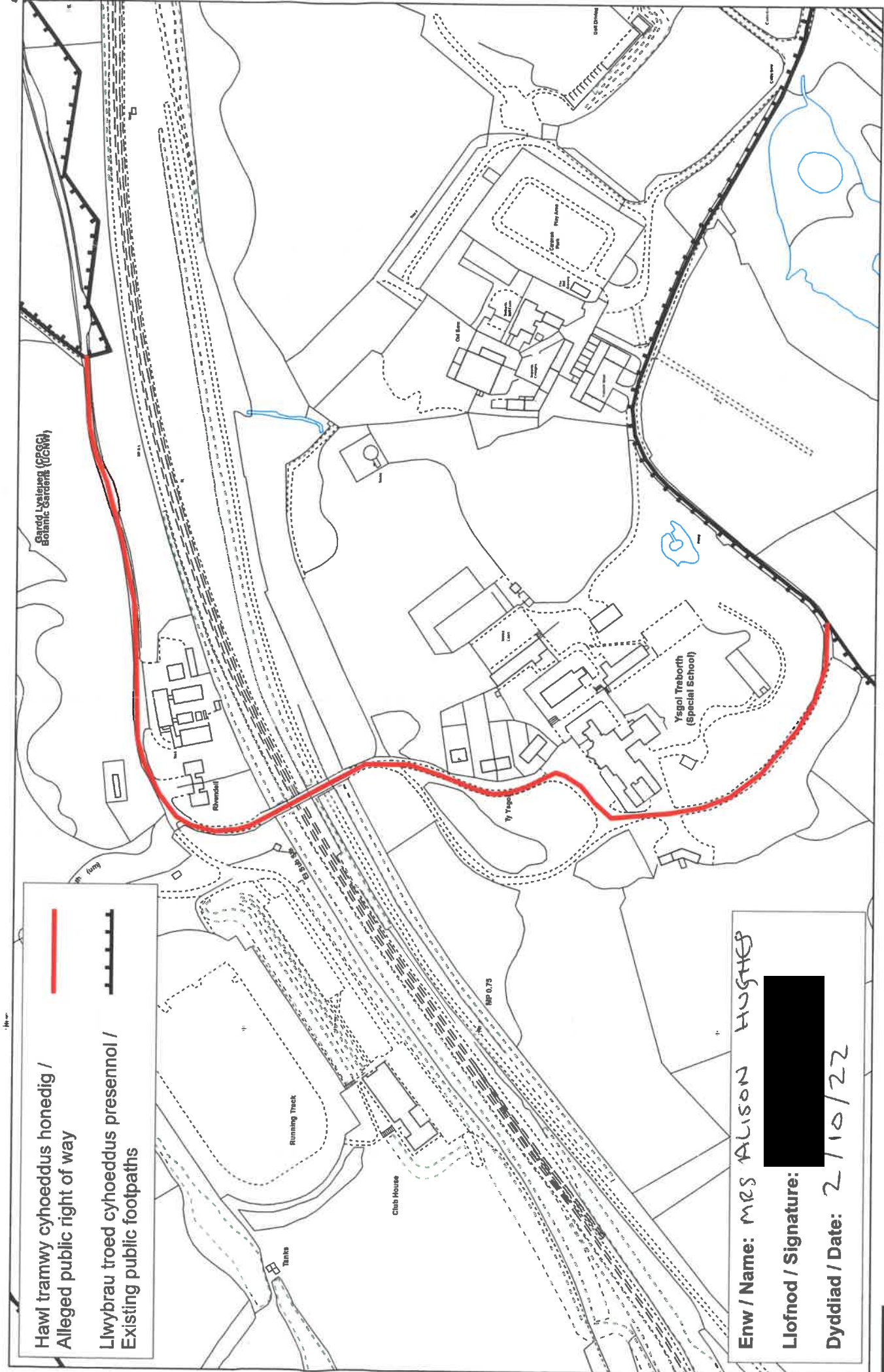
Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Alison Hughes of 11 Ffordd Cynan, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2NR make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. I normally start my walk from my house and make my way over to Ffordd Ty'n Clwt and then Treborth main road and traveling in the direction of Holyhead Road. After this I head on the footpath through Treborth Botanical Gardens and turn left a little to go over the railway bridge until I turn slightly right to head down a small track through some trees. The track comes out to pass the old Treborth school on the left. Continue straight to pass Penrhosgarnedd FC on the right to go past the caravan site and golfing range until arriving at the main road and then I head back home.
3. I first started using the footpath around 1991^{ABH} when my first daughter was born. I remember taking the pushchair this way. It was an easy tarmac track to push the buggy along. As my children got older, it was a safe place away from the main road for them to walk by themselves next to me. I would be walking this footpath around once or twice a ^{most} week. This footpath is also amongst our favourite walk to take the dog. I have had dogs ~~all~~ my life and I would be taking them for walks this way.
4. Since 1991, my use hasn't changed and I use it just as often now. I recently heard of some rumours of people being stopped for using the footpath and for this reason I haven't been walking on the footpath in a while. The last time I was on the footpath must have been last year. I want to enjoy my walks and avoid confrontation if I can.
5. Me and my daughters would probably walk this way more during the summer months. This footpath was also a convenient, clean and clear route to take the dog for walks and could easily made into a longer walk connecting to other paths.
6. I used to be a police officer and would sometimes go to the old Treborth school as a part of my work. In my visits, issues of trespassing and problems with people on the footpath was never mentioned or brought to our attention. The school seemed quite happy to see people walk by.
7. I do remember seeing a sign on the gate near the caravan site but I am unsure of the wording. I think this sign was something to with people trying to drive down the lane as it was often used as a cut through road.
8. I have never been personally challenged for using the footpath and I was surprised to hear that it wasn't a registered public right of way, especially as my parent in-law have been walking it for much longer than I have. I presumed it was a public footpath. Despite not being challenged, I have heard around that other people have been challenged by the new owner of Treborth Hall.

Date:.....2/10/2022.....

Signature:..........



Hawl tramwy cyhoeddus honedig /
Alleged public right of way

Llwybrau troed cyhoeddus presennol /
Existing public footpaths

Enw / Name: MRS ALISON HUGHES

Llofnod / Signature: [Redacted]

Dyddiad / Date: 2/10/22

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Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Daniel John Harris of Perfeddgoed, Hall, Caerhun, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 4DS make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The route starts from my home, heading towards Caernarfon Road and I make my way over to Treborth road. After here, I walk down a small lane past the driving range and small lake on the left. Continue on past a locked gate that has a passing place for walkers to the side. As you go on down the lane, you get to the old Treborth school, here is where the footpath continues on the tarmac bit in front of the school and past 3 or 4 houses towards the railways bridge. After crossing the railways bridge, the footpath continues past the university playing fields and into the botanical gardens.
3. I first started using the footpath around 30 years ago, 1992. I remember this time well as I was doing a lot of running as a part of my training and I would be using it regularly at least once a week.
4. I still use the footpath now and I would be using it around once a month to walk the dog. Sometimes I would go with my family this way as well as it would be a nice place to take the children. It was great to take the kids this way as we used to tease them and say if they missed behaved they would be joining the naughty children at the school. After being harassed recently, I walk this footpath less and sometimes use another footpath to avoid the front of the school.
5. During my 30 years of use, I haven't seen any signs there until recently. Some private signs have appeared recently by the new owner. Before this, there wasn't any signs like this because it was Council owned and nothing made me think that it wasn't public.
6. I was challenged for the first time around 5 years ago around summer time. As I was heading towards the railway bridge a man came from behind me and spoke to me in an aggressive manner and mumbled something that I shouldn't be walking this way. I told him that I have been walking here for years. I continued with my walk and he continued to chase me down the railways bridge, words were said and I had to warn him not to come too close as my dog as he could bite. He had no choice but to let me continue. This encounter did not stop me from using the route and I was stopped again a month after, however he still couldn't really stop me, so I kept going.
7. I am also aware of many others people experiencing problems getting by on the footpath by the same man that had also tried to challenge my use of the footpath.

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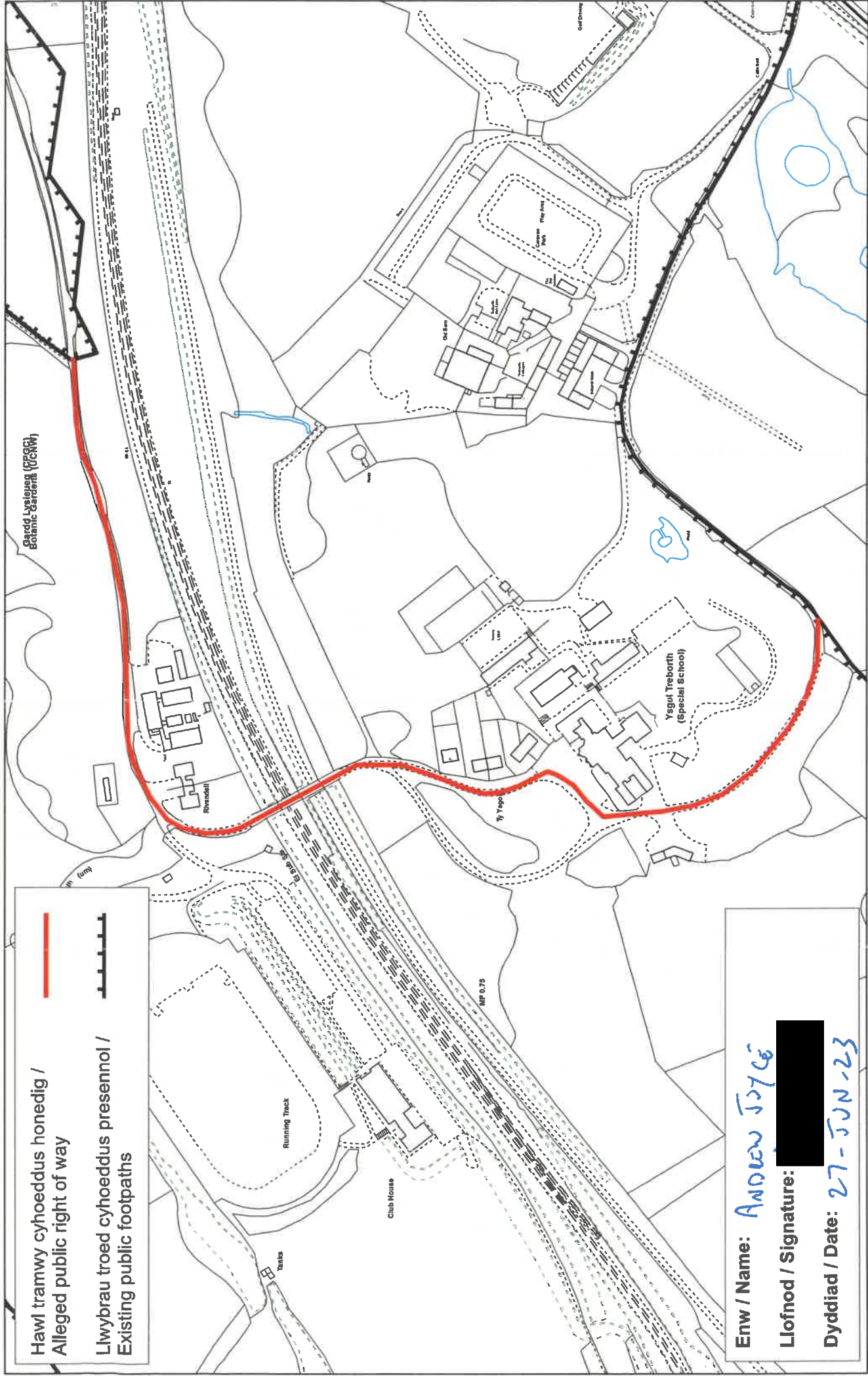
Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Andrew Joyce of 13 Goleufryn, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 2LY make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. Typically, I would start by walking the footpath by going down the hill from Penrhosgarnedd and turning right in the direction of the Antelope Inn. From here, I would walk on the path that goes into Treborth Gardens and turn left towards the athletic track. Before getting to the athletics track, the tarmac road turns left to go over the railway bridge. The tarmac road continues straight before passing some houses on the left and bending right in front of the old Treborth school. On occasions, I have used the off-road track that goes behind the trees, just missing the front of the school before re-joining the tarmac lane. The tarmac lane continues by passing Penrhosgarnedd FC on the right; further along the track, the footpath passes the caravansite on the left before getting to the junction of Treborth Road.
3. I moved to Penrhosgarnedd in 2004, and this is when I remember most about using the route. Despite this, I do have some recollection of being on the footpath with my young children before this time. I recall 2004 well, as I was into running during this time and would use the route around three times a week. It was a 5K circuit I enjoyed doing and would take around 25 minutes from the house.
4. As time went on and I grew older, I naturally started to transition from running the route to walking the route. I think it was around 10 years ago that my use was only 3 times a year and I would normally be walking during warm weather. This was a nice route to do at a leisurely pace and would take just under an hour from my house.
5. I still use the route today, but this is infrequent—maybe once to twice a year. A challenge made me less keen about returning to walk the footpath.
6. When I was running the footpath, I would normally run alone, but on occasion, friends would join. During the time I started to walk the route in recent years, my wife and son would join me.
7. I believe it was early 2021 when I was walking on the footpath, and just as we were passing the old school, a teenager came out of the old school and started challenging us about using the footpath. He had more than one dog with him and was filming us, saying that it wasn't a footpath and we weren't allowed to walk on private property. I told my wife and son we should ignore him and continue to walk because it was a footpath and we had a right to be there. This incident was intimidating, especially as my son is scared of dogs. Following this incident, I contacted Councillor Menna Baines and explained what had happened on what I believed was a public right of way. It was only until speaking with Councillor Baines that I was surprised to find out this was not an actual footpath and access on the footpath was a problem.
8. When I used the footpath before, I wasn't conscious of any signage around. It was only after the challenge, around 2021, that I started to notice some signs. Although I am unsure, I think the signs said something about being private property.

Signed:.....

Date: 27-JUN-23.....



Hawl tramwy cyhoeddus honedig /
Alleged public right of way

Llwybrau troed cyhoeddus presennol /
Existing public footpaths

Enw / Name: *ANDREW JOYCE*

Llofnod / Signature: [Redacted]

Dyddiad / Date: *27-JUN-23*



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Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Margaret Jones of 40 Bro Llewelyn, Llandegfan, Menai Bridge, Anglesey, LL59 5UP make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. My walk would start from my home, and then I would walk over the Menai bridge and turn left into Treborth Nurseries. After walking through the nurseries, the footpath turns left near the athletic track and then over a railway bridge. The footpath continues on the tarmac road past some houses and past the front of Treborth Hall. From here, the footpath continues on the tarmac road, passing the Penrhosgarnedd football club and continuing straight, passing the old campsite before the lane reaches the Treborth Road junction. This footpath is part of a circuit, and I walk home by walking on the pavement at Treborth Road to the Atelope Inn, over the bridge, and back home. This circuit would take about an hour and a half to two hours.
3. I first started using this footpath in 2003/2004. I remember this time well as this is when I first started seeing my partner, who lived in Penrhosgarnedd. This was when I was using the footpath around 2-3 times a month.
4. As time went on, I started using the footpath more often, around once a week, to walk my dog. My partner would often join us on these walks.
5. Around 10 years ago, I have memories of walking my partner's son down this footpath to get to Penrhosgarnedd Football Club for his training. Usually we would walk, but on rainy days we would drive and park at the school.
6. In more recent years, I would use the route about twice a month. My use of the footpath decreased in recent years because someone who lived in Treborth Hall started to knock on the windows and shout as I walked past on the footpath. These knocks on the window started about 5-6 years ago.
7. I no longer use the footpath, as I was challenged around 2 years ago. A man who appeared from nowhere as we walked past the house. He said something along the lines of, If we understood this was private property, I said that we weren't doing any harm, and we continued on the footpath. I was surprised to learn this path wasn't actually a footpath. There has never been an issue with walking the footpath until this point. After this, I didn't feel comfortable walking the path, especially on my own.
8. I have some recollection of seeing signs near the front of Treborth Hall saying something like 'private property'. These signs must have appeared around the time I was challenged a couple of years ago.

Signed:.....

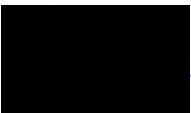
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In support of Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall, Treborth.

I, Malcolm Rogers of Valwyn Cottage, Llandegfan, Menai Bridge, Anglesey, LL59 5TB make this statement in support of my previous statement dated 28/04/2021 and I will say as follows:-

1. I confirm that the sensible route, which I refer to in my original statement, is the path leading past the football club, continuing ahead, through onto a track that's leads through a section of trees, and comes out between the railway bridge and the last house in the row.
2. Polite notices appeared on site when I started using the footpath around 1989.
3. The polite notices were handmade, wooden and the writing appeared to be hand painted. The board was attached to a wooden stake and place in the ground. The wording was bilingual and said something like "Please use left hand path away from houses".
4. There were two notices. One was placed on the south side, where the track starts near the football club and the other notice was placed at the north end of the track opening, which was between the railway bridge and end house. Both were placed in the ground, on the island patch of grass lawn, next to the school car park.
5. I believe these polite notices were arranged and placed by the school. These notices were not to stop people from walking the footpath on the tarmac but an invitation to use the track through the trees. During this time, many people drove through and used the school parking facilities and these signs helped keep people safe when walking by offering another path. In my opinion these notices were for safety reasons. It was though as the school were accepting of a footpath leading past the school and they were merely helping the public using the footpath by offering an alternative path. I was surprised to find that this was not a registered footpath especially as the school made me feel as though this was a public footpath.
6. Despite having the option of using the track through the trees, some people still continued on the tarmac footpath at the front of Treborth Hall. The track behind the trees could often be muddy and would need good footwear. People preferred the tarmac footpath overall.
7. I confirm that no one from the Treborth school has ever verbally asked me to walk on the track through the trees instead of the main tarmac footpath. I felt as though these notices were asking and encouraging me to use the safer path option.
8. I am sure that these notices are not there now, and I can't be certain of when they were taken down, however they may have been taken down when the Treborth Riding for the Disabled Association had closed.

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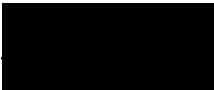
MALCOLM ROGERS

Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Natalie Ellis of 8 Dol yr Hyfryd, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The route goes through the Treborth Botanical gardens this continues by bending left a little to head onto the old railway bridge. From this point you keep going straight until you see a track heading to the right or continue straight towards the school. I would walk past in front of the school but sometimes I would also use the other track which misses the front of the school. As I had started to become more aware of the issues between people using the path and the new owner, I would either try walk by the front of the school quickly or head through the trees on the other track. After passing the front of the school, the path goes onto a track which you can drive on, passing the Penrhosgarnedd football club. Continue down this lane, passing the golf range on the left and towards Treborth main road. From here I would continue over onto another path on the other side of the main road, which comes out halfway down Lon Dywyll and I would walk back home. When I use this footpath, I start either side of the footpath depends what I feel like doing on the day.
3. I have been using this footpath ever since I was 13/14 years old in 1986. Sometimes me and my friends would walk or go on the bikes down this path almost everyday after school and sometimes taking our bags with us that has our snacks in it and then we would head to the playing fields. During the summer we would use this path often during the summer holidays.
4. Before I stopped using the footpath, I was using it around 2 to 3 times a week, it was a lovely walk to take my dog. There would be an odd week where I wouldn't be on the footpath as sometimes I like to walk elsewhere. This footpath was in my collection of routes in the local area to walk my dog.
5. I haven't noticed any signs along the route and I never think to look out for any signs as it is my normal walking route that I have done for many years and so I wouldn't be paying attention for any signs. It never crossed my mind that this footpath was private and I was very surprised to find out it wasn't a public.
6. I have stopped using the path since April, 2021 at the time I filled in my first statement to support the case. This and because of many local people that have mentioned that the present owner has been stopping and challenging people for walking the footpath. I have heard that he doesn't stop people in a polite manner and can be quite forthcoming, for this reason I don't feel safe to walk past and it isn't worth getting into trouble when i'm trying to enjoy my walk. Despite this I have not been personally challenged.

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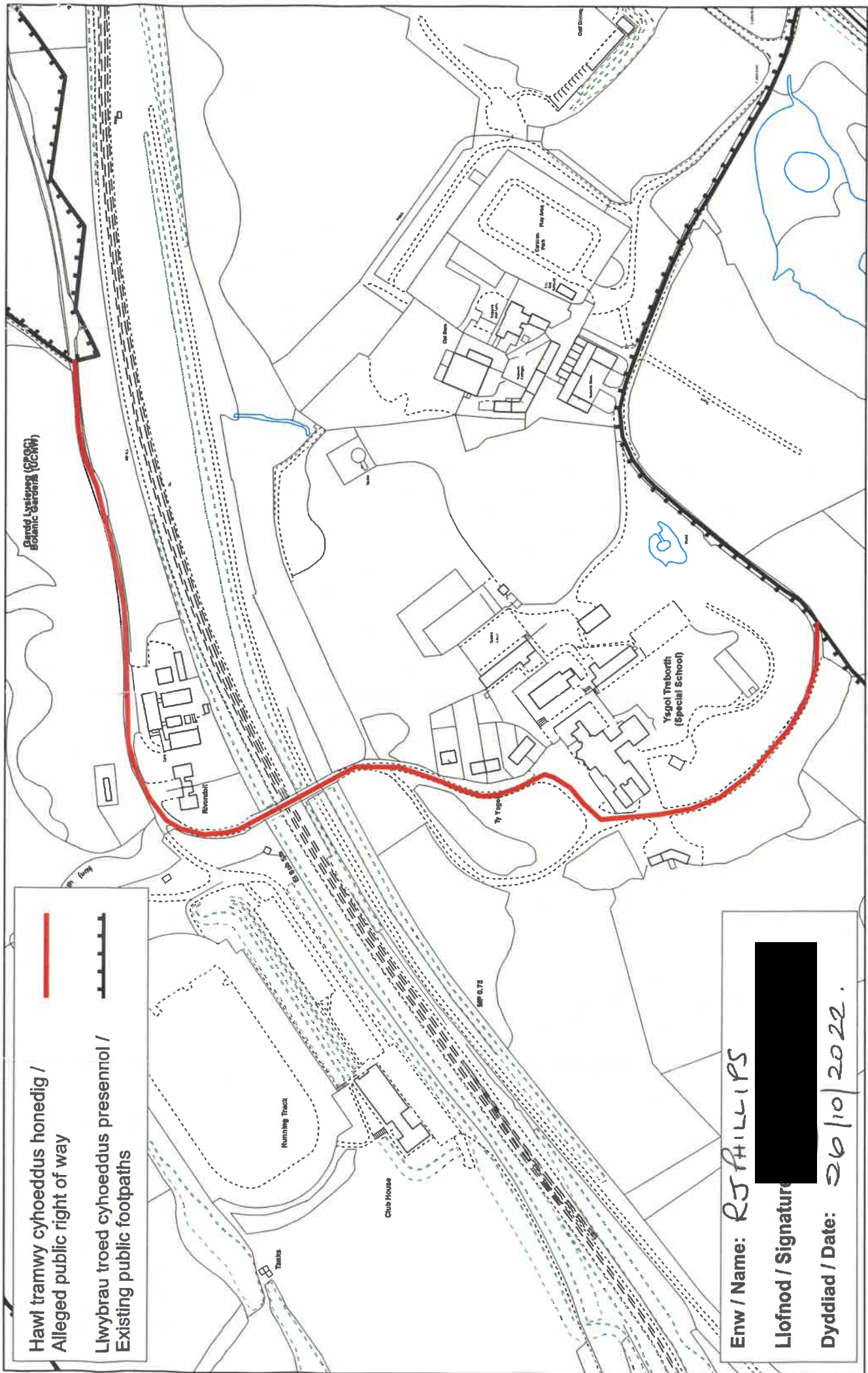
Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, R. J. Philips of Parciau, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2SX make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The footpath starts near Treborth main road down a small road, this continue to pass the golf range on the right. As the lane continues the old Treborth caravan park in on the right and not long from here is a gate, where the CCTV sign is. As you continue past the gate there is a public footpath sign on the left. As the track continues straight the surface is a little broken and a little rough as the track continues you can see Penrhosgarnedd football club coming up on the left but the track continues forward bending slight right in front of the school and then bending slight left towards the old railway bridge. The is another track near front of the school behind the trees and I have used that footpath before as well, however it gets a little muddy under foot. After crossing the bridge, there is a gentle slope and the footpath leads into Treborth gardens. Usually, I would walk through the gardens onto the coastal path and head towards the suspension bridge and back to my home through the Faenol estate. This is a 5-6 mile loop and is good for route to take my very active dog.
3. I first started using the footpath around 40 years ago in the late 70's early 80's. I was 21 years old and I would be walking the footpath to get to rugby training which was at Treborth playing fields. It was easier to walk this way then taking the car and dealing with traffic which the 70's brought. As well as going to training on this footpath, I would also enjoy going for walks on this footpath and I would normally be on it around every other day.
4. At the time, Will Parry was the headmaster of the old Treborth special needs school and he was also the chairman of the rugby club. This footpath was never mentioned by Will Parry that is was a private and not a public right of way and the footpath never came up in any discussion as a topic nor an issue. He also never made us question whether we should be walking past the school.
5. My use of the footpath hasn't changed very much and I still use it just as often almost every other day, until the recent trouble with the new owners of Treborth Hall. I would use this footpath in all weather and any time of year, it would take bad snowfall to affect my use.
6. There is a time period where I didn't use the footpath and this is when I moved away in late 1990's and I moved away for around 25 years. I work in industry with nuclear power stations and have moved around with my work to places such as Russia, Germany, and Hartlepool, etc. I moved back to Bangor in 2012 and continued my use of the footpath using almost every day since.
7. I have been stopped three times for walking the footpath. I was first stopped in around 4-5 years ago in early March/April time. This incident took place near the old railway bridge as I was nearing into the Treborth gardens. A man had came up to me in an aggressive manner and I didn't know who he was at the time. He said it was 'Private property' and tried stopping me physically from getting past and tried to get me to turn around. I said 'I have always walked this way' but this seemed to aggravate him more. The other couple of incidents were similar, however once I was stopped by a woman that said something similar. This time I wasn't going to argue, although I didn't believe what she was saying was true as I have always walked there and no one has said anything of an issue until recently.
8. I have noticed some signs that have appeared on this footpath. I remember some signs on the five bar metal gate that's on the track next to Treborth Mews where the old caravan site was. This sign said CCTV in operation and another sign saying Private road. I think this appeared sometime before covid happened. I'm not sure what is there intention of these signs but it is possibly to put people off walking down the footpath. I have always assumed that people can walk this footpath freely, especially with a public footpath sign just on the left of the track past the gate with the signs. So, I assumed we could walk the entire track and never crossed my mind that it wasn't public until recently.

Date: 26/10/2022

Signature



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Alleged public right of way

Llwybrau troed cyhoeddus presentol /
Existing public footpaths

Enw / Name: **RJ PHILLIPS**

Llofnod / Signature: [Redacted]

Dyddiad / Date: **26/10/2022**

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Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Thomas Gribben of 3 Ty Ysgol, Coed Menai, Treborth, LL57 2RX make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. Accessing the footpath can start either from the Botanical Gardens or Treborth Road (A487). From Treborth Road, the footpath continues down the lane, past Treborth Mews on the rights, before getting to a gate with side access for walkers. The footpath then continues down the lane passing the Penrhosgarnedd Football Club on the left. From here the footpath continues to follow the lane, past the front of Treborth Hall (the old school) and then passes the houses; mine is number 3. The footpath then continues to follow the lane, over the old railway bridge and into Treborth Botanical Gardens. On the left is the athletics track. The footpath leads through the Botanical Gardens and making its way to Menai Bridge.
3. I first moved to 3 Ty Ysgol, Coed Menai around August/September 2014. This is the time when the Margetson family also bought Treborth Hall, formerly known as Treborth school. As soon as they had moved in, I realised that they were immediately stopping passers-by on the footpath and anyone who tried visiting the neighbourhood. Unfortunately, Mr Margetson's behaviour not only led to stopping people on the footpath but also challenged people living in the neighbourhood and visiting guests. I have had friends challenged by Mr Margetson for trying to visit my house.
4. I first started using the route at 20 years old when I moved to Bangor in 2003. As I have done since arriving here, I still use the route every day. It is the quickest and most efficient way to get to and from my house. Before I moved to 3 Ty Ysgol, Coed Menai, I lived at Treborth Hall farm, where I was also using the footpath daily to walk my dogs. When I moved, I continued to walk the footpath and regularly stopped to chat with my previous neighbours of Treborth Mews when I was out walking the dogs on the footpath.
5. On occasions I enjoy walking on the footpath with my children, friends, and family. The route is used by many friendly people, dog walkers and many members of the community who take their children to the Penrhosgarnedd Football Club next to Treborth Hall.
6. I have seen many threatening and illegal signs placed on the footpath for example at the first gate there was a "Danger Loose Dogs" sign that was placed on the registered public right of way. This was removed by the Council in 2019 and the owner of Treborth Hall then placed it on the gate next to the school. During 2019, the "PRIVATE" signs were placed on the footpath in 2019.
7. On the Botanical Gardens side of the footpath next to the athletics track, there is a sign saying "Access to School and Treborth Farm Only" (Please see attached photo). This makes me believe that there must have been a right of way down our houses previously.
8. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] My friends and people who I know from the Botanic Gardens used to walk down this way, but because of the behaviour of the Margetson Family, they do not want to walk down here anymore.
9. In my time living in 3 Ty Ysgol, I have had positive and friendly experiences with people passing on the footpath, many of whom I had never met before. I seem them walking past my house. Everyone seems decent, causes no harm and enjoy the walk. The route is used by families with you children, dog walkers and the elderly. Many children have used the route as means of walking to the Penrhosgarnedd Football Club. It is a place for the whole community to enjoy. My friends JP and Fiona who live in Treborth Mews would often walk their dog on this footpath and on their way, they would stop and chat with us most

evenings. [REDACTED]

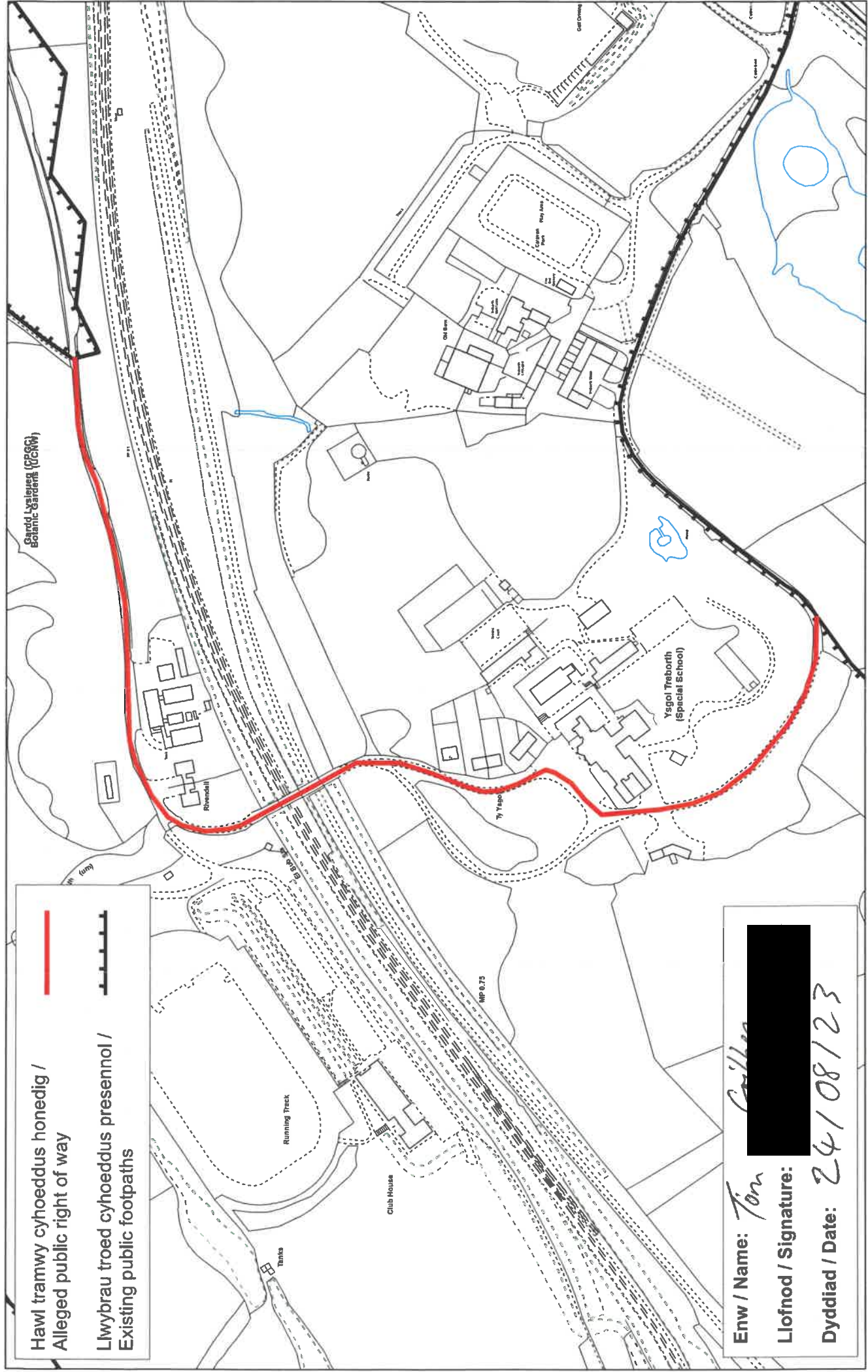
10. There was one challenge I particularly remember; this was when an elderly lady who is deaf was walking on the footpath when the son of the owners of Treborth Hall, James Margetson challenged her for using the route. This happened in front of my house. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED] ...


Date:

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Treborth, Bangor, LL57 2RX. Cyf. Grid / Grid Ref - SH5570

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Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth, Treborth.

I, Menna Williams from 8 Glan Menai, Treborth, Bangor, Gwynedd make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. This footpath commences near the coastal path and continues by going through the botanical gardens. As you leave the botanical gardens the track turns to the left over a bridge to cross the railway track. The tarmac track continues straight on until the houses on the left. Right of the track is a large section of grass with a large tree on it. Continue along the tarmac track and you will see the former Ysgol Treborth near the houses. Behind this tree is another track that I previously used and has by now grown wild and cannot be used. Once you have passed the former Ysgol Treborth the track passes the football club, down the small lane until you reach the main road adjacent to the former Drovers pub.
3. I have walked this path since about July 1990, 32 years ago and I remember this as this was the year I got married. I used to take my children this way when they were young. They are now grown up and use this path themselves.
4. Before I was challenged in 2021, I used this footpath about once or twice or three times a week. My opportunity to walk this footpath depended on my work shift. I enjoyed taking the dog for a walk this way as it is a lovely walk to do. A good walk, that would take 45 minutes from where I live.
5. I would walk this way more during the summer but less in the winter as it gets dark earlier.
6. Since the threatening behaviour of the new owners of the former Ysgol Treborth, I hardly ever use this path. I would only use it now if I knew that someone would accompany me such as my husband or my family, for my safety.
7. I have noticed small signs around that are in English only. I couldn't see any Welsh signs therefore I did not take much notice and I continued to walk. It is only since the new owners have taken over the former school that the signs have appeared. Prior to this no signs had appeared. The existing signs are a little after the railway bridge before you reach the former Ysgol Treborth.
8. In the summer of 2021, I was walking on my own past the former Ysgol Treborth when a man shouted at me for walking along the footpath and said, "This is private property" "Don't come this way again". Since then, I have hardly ever used the path as I do not want to cause trouble when I pass by. My daughter was also challenged in 2020, when she walked past on her own without being aware of the trouble she would face.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Eleri Owen from Cae Ffynnon, Parc Victoria, Bangor, Gwynedd make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I use the footpath, I used to start from Lôn Dywyll and cut through by using another footpath going past the old Drovers Inn. From there I would cross Ffordd Treborth and go into a small junction down a small lane. As I walk down the lane, I pass a small pool to the left and go past a former caravan site on the right and the golf course. The lane is straight and passes Penrhos football club on the left, and the lane continues to the school grounds with the schoolhouse on the right. Continue to follow the lane past the front of the school until you cross the railway bridge to Treborth gardens, and the athletics track on the left.
3. Usually, we enjoy walking along this footpath as part of a circular route, heading to go through the gardens towards Pont Menai to the Antelope Inn and then I make my way back home. On our walk, we would sometimes go down to the small pond and feed the ducks on our way around but now it has been fenced off.
4. I started using the path for the first time 43 years ago in 1980. As the years passed, I used this footpath every evening in the summer as it is such a lovely walk to do. We moved a little further from the footpath to Bangor Uchaf in 2013 and I used it less frequently after this - about once a week. I would also take my son to football training about once a week on a Saturday this way and I would also walk to see a friend who lived in one of the houses next door to the school. It was a lovely walk to do.
5. My husband used to work in the school and during this period the school never had any issues with people walking along the footpath. Out of Wil Parry Williams, Dafydd Evans, John Grisdale and Sion Jones, none mentioned any problems with people using the footpath. The school was a large part of the community and often staff and people who walked along the footpath said hello and had a chat with people walking past.
6. I don't remember seeing many signs as I wouldn't usually take any notice of signs on a footpath that I have walked for many years. The only sign I can remember is a hand sign near Treborth Mews stating something like footpath this way. I think that it appeared during the time that this case came up and it is possible that someone erected it to prove a point. It did not appear to be professional or official.
7. I recollect that there were two gates on the footpath, one near Treborth Mews that is locked but also has a passing place for pedestrians. There was also another gate near the railway on the Treborth gardens side. I do not remember this gate ever being locked and I believe that it was closed to prevent cars from driving through.
8. I have never been challenged when walking the footpath, although I have heard stories going around that people have been challenged for using the footpath by a man who it is assumed is the new owner of Neuadd Treborth. Before I heard those stories, I had started to walk the footpath less frequently as I had already met the new owner of Neuadd Treborth. We passed on the footpath and noticed some illegal tipping on the lane, therefore as a matter of courtesy we knocked on the door to let him know. He was not pleased to have us knocking on the door as we caught him at a bad time. Because of his response, we did not use the footpath again.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth, Treborth.

I, Richard Williams from 20 Lôn y Bryn, Bangor, Gwynedd make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The path starts near the University and continues towards the old railway bridge. From here you can walk on the tarmac road in front of the houses on the left or on the track that leads through the trees on the right. Usually, I would go along the track that goes through the trees but if it is wet and muddy, I would walk along the tarmac path. The path then passes the former Ysgol Treborth and you continue past Penrhosgarnedd Football Club. The path continues downwards for a bit, and you will see the access to the other footpath. From the road there is a locked gate, however, there is a passing place at the side for pedestrians. The road continues to the main road adjacent to the old Drovers Inn.
3. I think I started to use the path for the first time 30 years ago in the 1980s. I used the path twice a week when my son played football at Penrhosgarnedd football club. He had football training and matches there. Sometimes we would also use the path to go for a walk and we would go about twice a month for this purpose.
4. I have ceased walking this path for some months by now due to the behaviour of the new owners of Ysgol Treborth. I would prefer to walk away from the school rather than having any trouble when walking past. I must have started to walk less since the new owners have brought the place.
5. I was challenged for the first time around the summer, 4 years ago. This must have started during the start of the Covid pandemic. It is the new owner of Ysgol Treborth who challenged me for using the path. The man also filmed me.
6. I use this path as part of a walk I enjoy and sometimes I walk with my family. Usually this walk starts from Eithinog, through Brewers fields, down towards the Antelope, through the University and past Ysgol Treborth. It then continues down the school lane until you reach the other side of the main road where the old Drovers pub stands. This joins another footpath, that goes to the side of the garage near the Drovers. This footpath comes out in Penrhosgarnedd. Sometimes we looked after our son's dog if he was away, and it was lovely to walk the dog on this path.
7. On the school road there is a gate that is occasionally locked, but there is a passing place for pedestrians. On the gate is a sign stating 'Private'. I think that this 'Private' sign is for people who are trying to drive their cars up the road. From what I recall there are no other signs along the path.
8. During the period when Neuadd Treborth was a school, the Headteacher was always supportive and welcoming to people to come and go as they wished. This made me think that this place was public and that we had the right to come and go as we wished and could park our cars without any trouble in front of the school for football training and matches.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Dorothy MacPhail from 9 Cae Gors, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2QJ make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. I enjoy this walk as part of a circular route starting from my home in Penrhosgarnedd and making my way up to Lôn Treborth. As I cross the road, I walk to a junction and go down a small road. As I walk down the lane, I pass the golf course on the left. The lane continues for a bit before going to the school grounds. This is where the route follows through, going past Neuadd Treborth and then continues over the old railway bridge. The footpath passes the running track on the left and turns a little to the right to go through Treborth Botanic Gardens. I walk through the gardens towards the Wales Coastal Path heading towards Pont Menai. After reaching Pont Menai I then walk on the pavement and go back home.
3. I started to walk the footpath for the first time when I moved to Penrhosgarnedd in about 2008, and I used to walk the footpath more than once a week during this period. I used to enjoy going for a walk on my own or when they were young, I took my grandchildren with me.
4. Due to health reasons and that I am continuing to work part-time, I have been using the footpath less and I now use the footpath about once a month. I haven't gone along the footpath for a while and the last time I walked the footpath was last summer.
5. Although I do not walk the footpath that much now, there are times when I use the footpath more often and this is when my granddaughter is home from university, so we will go for a walk together. We also walk the footpath more often during the summer months when the weather is better.
6. I have seen some signs on the footpath, and they appeared around 2018-2019. I don't remember exactly what they said, but I am aware that it was something to do with trespassing near the school. I believe that the new owner of Neuadd Treborth erected these. I don't take much notice of these signs as people have always walked this way and continue to do so. Therefore, they have not prevented me from walking this way. It has always been a footpath. The only time when I thought that something was not completely right with the footpath was when I had to complete my original form for the petition for this footpath. During this period there were some bollards on the path to prevent people from driving to the front of the former school, it was easy for people to walk past.
7. I have not been challenged personally but my granddaughter and her young children have been challenged by a man near the front of Neuadd Treborth. They were on their bicycles at the time. This man must be the new owner of Neuadd Treborth.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth, Treborth.

I, Sara Tudor Owen from Nanhyfer, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, LL57 28X make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The path starts by walking through Treborth Gardens onwards and over the railway bridge. Carry on towards the houses on the left. In front of you is the former Ysgol Treborth. There is another track near this track, we do not usually take this as it goes through a few trees, and it is not great to take your bicycle. The track turns to the right, then left and continues past Penrhosgarnedd football club, down the small lane to a large gate, with another gate close by. The path then continues to the main road.
3. I started to use this path when I moved to the area in 1987, 35 years ago. This was for pleasure to go for a walk and to take the children in their pushchairs or on their bicycles. We would usually use the path on weekends. It was lovely for the children to bring their bicycles and we would walk side-by-side as they rode their bicycles.
4. Ysgol y Garnedd could use the path to get to the swimming pool at the former Ysgol Treborth and my children received swimming lessons here when they were 6 or 7 years old.
5. The last time I used the path was when I was challenged during the spring of 2021. Two years ago, and about a fortnight after the last lockdown restrictions were relaxed. My husband and myself were riding our bicycles on a Sunday. I had gone on a little quicker on my e-bicycle than my husband. After I rode over the bridge, I stopped near the houses to wait for him to catch up. While I was waiting, two men came out of the house. One was older and one was younger. Both men were wearing body cameras and in a threatening way one asked, "What right do you have to pass this way?". My husband had reached me by then and one of the men called for a woman to come out, the woman was also filming on her phone. Calling the police was mentioned but no one contacted them. The three behaved in a threatening manner. This was a terrible experience and I have not tried to go back since then. Since the school was sold and the new owners have taken the place on, the community feels divided and it is a shame to see that the former Ysgol Treborth has come to this.
6. My husband decided to go past again recently, in September/October last year. He was stopped in exactly the same place again and was challenged once more and things got more threatening, and the police were called.
7. I have always thought that this road was a public path as it was a school, my children went swimming there, the football club was nearby, even Merched y Wawr held a Gateway evening on a Friday evening at the school as well. When football matches were held, we parked in front of the school, the headteacher did not say anything about this and he seemed happy for people to be around the school parking and going past.
8. When you come out of Treborth gardens, over the bridge and in front of you you will see a sign saying 'Private'. I remember a sign stating that CCTV was in operation somewhere close to the Fferm Treborth side of the path.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Branwen Thomas from Ger Môn, Ffordd Siliwen, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2BH make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I walk this footpath, I usually start off from my home and walk down towards Pont Menai. Then I walk through the botanical gardens and turn left a little to go over the former railway bridge, past some of the houses on the left and along the tarmac section that goes in front of the mansion. Once you go past the mansion, the track turns a little to the left and continues past the football club on the right. The footpath continues down a stone track towards the main road near Penrhosgarnedd. We usually go back the same way.
3. I started to use this footpath around 2003, about 20 years ago. I remember taking my son this way once he was able to walk and as he got older, I would walk while he was on his bicycle by my side. For a period, we only went up to the railway bridge and we walked back but as my son got older, we would walk further down the stone lane past the former school towards Penrhosgarnedd. Usually, we will walk the path in the afternoon and mainly on weekends.
4. Before I stopped using this footpath, I walked it about once a month, it was one of the paths we would choose from time to time.
5. I would also take my son to football training there and the school would permit us to park the car in front of the school. The school did not say anything about parking or anything that made me think that we were not supposed to walk the path past the school. I knew that the place was in the ownership of Cyngor Gwynedd and took it that it was a public place.
6. I cannot remember seeing any type of signs on the footpath.
7. The only barrier I remember on the footpath was the yellow barrier over the railway bridge. Usually, it would be open and it was rarely closed. I'm not sure who was the owner of this barrier, but I think it was used for cars and people could walk to its side.
8. Recently, I have heard that the owners of Neuadd Treborth are against people using the footpath and have been threatening towards some people, so I thought that the best thing was to keep away. Because of this, I haven't gone along the footpath since Covid occurred. I have never been challenged personally for using the footpath. I do not want any confrontation; I just want to enjoy going for a walk.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Deiniol Tegid from Craig y Gwynt, 21 Ffordd Crwys, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The path starts by going through the greenhouse gardens and continues over the former railway bridge. As you continue straight on past houses on the left, the footpath goes around and leads you directly to the front of the former Ysgol Treborth. From here the path continues and turns a little to the left and follows the small lane down to the A487 opposite the former Drovers Inn.
3. I started to use this footpath around 1983/86 when I started at college in Bangor.
4. I continue to use the path today and we walk this way at least once a month.
5. I use the path for leisure purposes, and I enjoy going for a walk around Porthaethwy.
6. Sometimes when I use the path, I will use this footpath from my home and back the same way. At other times we make a small circular route that usually goes from my home, on this footpath towards the Wales Coastal Path and between the two bridges and back home. When I go for a walk this way my wife sometimes joins me.
7. I regularly use this path, whatever the time of year, and this does not affect my use as the path has a good hard surface, therefore I use it all-year round.
8. There was a time when I did not use this footpath at all, and this is when I moved from Bangor in 1986 until 1991. When I moved back to the area, I started to use the path once more around once every two to three months.
9. During my time walking the path, I have not seen any signs on the path.
10. I have been challenged for using the path by one of the owners of Neuadd Treborth, this was on 4 May 2020. This was done in a challenging way towards me. I know of other people who have had a similar experience such as a young family who live in the same street as my friends. Apart from this, sometimes on occasion the gate is closed.
11. When Neuadd Treborth was a school, I cannot remember having any difficulty walking the footpath.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Erin Mai Owen from 256 Macket Lane, Liverpool, L25 9RT make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I use the footpath, we will often make a circular route, firstly by starting from my home and then to the Treborth main road, going past Stermat Car Hire on the left, then to Ffordd Bronwydd that goes past the vets. From here it leads to the coastal path, going past two fields and back in the direction of the botanic gardens, over the railway bridge and past the front of the former Ysgol Treborth. Then past the football club, down a small road, going past the former golf course back towards the main road and back home.
3. In around 1998, I used to live next door to the school. We moved house circa 2000 to live in Bangor. Once we moved from our house next door to Ysgol Treborth, I continued to use the path to go for a walk about once a month. I used to enjoy walking this way with my mother.
4. I have by now ceased to use the path since about 2021, as my mother has told me what her friend said. She said that many people had had difficulty to pass along the footpath where the former Ysgol Treborth stands and that the new owners are not very nice. Despite this I have never been challenged for using the path.
5. There was a time when I was at Bangor University in 2017 for three years. Despite this and living a little further, my use did not change, and I would continue to walk the footpath around once a month.
6. The only sign I remember seeing was a 'Private' sign on the gate on the right to the wall near the former golf course. This is the track that leads a different way to the footpath through a few trees.
7. I have always thought that this footpath is a public one as I have walked the path many times, I have also helped with the riding for the disabled school sessions, and I also went for swimming lessons at Ysgol Treborth when I was younger.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Gwawr Parry Llewelyn from 211 Ffordd Penrhos, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DJ make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I walk along this footpath I usually start off from my home and head towards brewer's fields and the Antelope Inn. From here, I continue through Treborth botanic gardens and turn a little to the left to go over the railway bridge. Right of here is an athletics track near the footpath. I follow the narrow road down past the houses on the left and the lane turns a little to the right to go on past the front of the former school. From here I leave the school grounds past Penrhosgarnedd football club to the right and continue down this lane. Halfway down the road another public footpath joins the road. Then the road comes to a junction that meets with Lôn Treborth. From here I make my way back home.
3. I started to use this footpath about five years ago in 2017/2018. I enjoy walking the path and I use it about once a month as things are busier for me recently. I have also heard about some trouble recently in front of the school and I do not want to be challenged especially if my young children are with me.
4. During Covid this was a path that we walked nearly every day due to Covid restrictions when we were allowed to go on local walks.
5. I use the footpath more often during the lovely sunny summer months due to better weather and also the children's school holidays. I also use it nearly every day during half-term and I take my children along the footpath. It was a safe place to take the children.
6. As this is one of my usual walks, I did not pay any specific attention to signage. I'm unsure, but I recall seeing a sign saying 'Private' somewhere near Neuadd Treborth. I believe that the new owner of Neuadd Treborth erected this. For a long period, I thought that nobody lived there until a member of the family was challenged.
7. I have always thought that this footpath is a public footpath. Sometimes we used the other public footpath that traverses two fields that meet the small lane, and I took it that the footpath continued to the left down the lane past the former school. I also thought that it looked like a small rural lane that pedestrians and cars could traverse.
8. I have never been challenged personally for using the footpath, but a member of the family has been challenged for using the footpath. This also made me less eager to walk the footpath as I did not want any conflict.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Ieuan Ellis from 12 Tregean, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2HR make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The footpaths start from the A487 junction. Follow the track down past the caravan site on the right. The track then continues towards the former Ysgol Treborth. This is where the footpath goes in front of the school, over the bridge and continues towards the gardens.
3. I started to use the path for the first time in 1990, however, by now since April 2021, I have stopped using the footpath. Before I stopped using it last year, I would walk this way approximately once a week.
4. I use the path for leisure purposes and often my wife comes with me for a walk this way.
5. Usually when we walk the path, we go down this footpath and come the same way back to my home in Penrhos. The time of year has never impacted on how often I use this footpath either.
6. I have noticed the sign saying Private and all I can remember is that there is one near the front of the hall near the white pegs. It was red and white in colour. I am not sure whether this sign is still there now as I have not been there since April 2021. I have been aware of these signs, and I have passed without any signs on several occasions without being challenged before. These signs must have appeared in the last few years. There were no other barriers, only a gate where the footpath starts to prevent cars from driving down the lane and people can walk past without any difficulty.
7. In April 2021, I was passing the hall from the direction of the gardens, and I was stopped by the owner of the hall and his son, and I was told that it was a private path and that I had no right of way. I have never been challenged prior to this.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Mari Lois Jones from Llys Tegai, 104 Ffordd Penrhos, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2BX make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I use this footpath, I would usually do it as part of a loop. Normally, I would set off from my home and head for Lôn Dywyll and then onto the main road. I reach a small lane junction, where the footpath begins. I walk down this little lane past the caravan site and past Penrhosgarnedd football club to the left. Then I walk into the old school car park and Neuadd Treborth is to the right. The footpath follows the lane by passing some houses on the right as well. The footpath then crosses a railway bridge and into Treborth gardens. Here I can walk through Treborth gardens and make my way over to the coastal path if I want to do a loop back home.
3. I moved to the area in 2006, and started using the footpath about 2008-2009, although I have some memory of using this footpath before these years as I recall using it when we visited family in Bangor when I was a child. I also remember staying at the caravan park sometime before I moved here, and I must have walked the footpath then.
4. I remember using it properly around 2008/09 because this is during the time when I had my son and I remember taking him in the pram along this path.
5. I used it more than once a week for many purposes such as walking, running and cycling. As my sons got older, I would take them on their road bikes as it was a safe place for them to ride their bikes. I am also a member of a running club, and we meet every week on the running track near the school. I would walk to the track but now I can't walk there.
6. I have two sons who play football. One plays for Penrhosgarnedd football club and my other son plays football on the university pitches. They play football at the same time sometimes and I would use the footpath to go round from one football pitch to another so I could watch them both play.
7. I have seen signs around the footpath, and they are on the gate near the caravan park down the lane. They state 'CCTV', 'Private' and 'Danger Loose Dogs'. These signs must have appeared just before Covid. I think more signs are up now. These signs made me feel a little scared and caused a bit of confusion as there is a public footpath that passes the gate and turns to go through two fields halfway up the small lane.
8. I've been challenged before about using the footpath and this was around April last year. I was running on the path as usual past the school and was stopped by a man holding a chainsaw. In a threatening way he said it was his land and I shouldn't be there. I felt a little scared with the man grabbing a chainsaw and saying this and all I could do was apologize to him.

S i g n a t u r e :

D a t e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Modlen Lynch from Ty'n Llwyn, Pentir, Bangor, Gwynedd make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When walking the path, I would usually make a circuit by starting from my home, onto Lôn Dywyll towards the old 'Drovers' pub. Cross the road and take a narrow lane passing the driving range. Continue straight onto the footpath towards the school passing the football club on the left. The footpath turns slightly to the right to pass in front of the school, over the railway bridge, past the running track, and continues through the gardens. Then we usually continue towards the Antelope pub and head back to Lôn Dywyll and back home.
3. I started using the footpath around 1992, 30 years ago. I would use the footpath around once a week for walks as it was a lovely place to make a circuit of my home. Sometimes I would use the footpath more often than once a week as I used to take my children to football training and swimming lessons at the former Ysgol Treborth.
4. In the summer, sometimes I would be on the footpath a bit more often as my children's cousins would come over and we would go walking along the footpath.
5. I stopped using the footpath when we moved to Pentir around 2005-2006.
6. I don't remember seeing any signs or anything to say the footpath was private. It never crossed my mind that this place wasn't public, it was the place everyone went. No one, not even people from school ever made me feel or questioned if I should be there.
7. There is a yellow 'barrier' as you pass over the railway bridge. This was rarely closed, and its purpose was to prevent cars from passing. People could easily get around the barrier.
8. I have never been challenged about using this footpath. I've heard about some issues going on with the footpath recently, but I've never been challenged personally.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Mrs M. G. Goulding from Hafod y Ddôl, Rhos Trehwfa, Llangefni, LL77 7YR make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The footpath starts under the Menai bridge by passing the Antelope Inn. Then the footpath passes through the botanical gardens and turns slightly left over the railway bridge. Adjacent to here is the athletics track. After going over the bridge, go straight ahead past the houses on the left and follow the lane around. The lane is between the old school and some grass. Behind the grass section are a few trees, here is a track I have used to walk sometimes too, especially when there are many cars parked in front of the school. The lane leaves the school grounds and passes the football club on the right. The path continues down the narrow lane, past the golf course until you reach the junction with Lôn Treborth. Here we sometimes make a loop up to Britannia bridge and on to the coastal path.
3. I first started walking this footpath as a child in 1971. I remember going for walks like this with mum and dad. I think mum would have taken us in the pram too along this route. I have other memories as a child walking this path and this is when I was at Ysgol Gynradd y Garnedd. We would sometimes have science lessons in the botanical gardens to learn about trees and plants.
4. As a child I lived in Eithinog with my parents, and we also used the footpath from a different direction to what I do now. This journey began by going from our home in Eithinog, through the brewers' fields and past the Antelope pub, through the botanic garden and onto the footpath.
5. As a child, I would walk this footpath almost every week, especially if dad was home from work. I have seen the area develop and I used the footpath before things like the athletics track were built.
6. I don't use the footpath as often now and I haven't been there for a while. I now use it about 3 to 4 times a year.
7. I would also use this footpath to walk to see my friend who worked at Ysgol Treborth, and we would walk back together.
8. There were no signs of the footpath. The only sign that said 'Private' was to the back of Neuadd Treborth. Of course, having a private sign behind Neuadd Treborth makes sense as the footpath doesn't go that way and that area is privately owned.
9. I was walking the footpath with my friend, and we were stopped by a man, I assumed to be the new owner of Neuadd Treborth, as he came out of the big house. He said we had no right to be there and that we were trespassing. This happened around 2015-2016. He's also tried to stop me from parking there before. No one has tried to stop me before for using the footpath and no one had ever tried to stop me from parking there either. It was normal to walk and park there. The school didn't tell us anything about the footpath and seemed happy. The school was a very big part of the community and made everyone feel welcome.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Richard Emlyn Roberts from 2 Fourcrosses, Treborth, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2NZ make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I walk the footpath, I usually start from home and walk along the Treborth road until I reach a small junction and I turn left to go down a small lane that passes the golf course and caravan park. Continue down the lane until you reach the front of the old Treborth school. This is where you can either go down the track through the trees to the left or continue on the tarmac in front of the old school. We usually walk behind the trees, which meet the tarmac section just before reaching the railway bridge. After crossing the railway bridge, go through the botanical gardens and onto the coastal path towards Britannia bridge. I would make my way home via Ffordd Bronwydd.
3. I started using the path around 1993 and would use the footpath about 2-3 times a week. It was a nice circuit that was clean and convenient and much easier than using the other footpath which is quite muddy. I used to walk my son to football training and matches here too.
4. Until recently, I still used the footpath about 2-3 times a week and now I rarely use it as I have been challenged about walking the footpath. Now I'd only walk by if I really needed to pass.
5. Sometimes when I go for a walk my wife joins me and sometimes my children come with me too.
6. I'm part of a running club and we meet once a week on the athletics track. It was convenient for me to walk down the footpath, especially with the increased traffic. Now I can't do this and would have to do a much longer circuit to walk around to get there.
7. I've seen a lot of signs around and I think they say 'Private' and most of these are in front of Neuadd Treborth. There is also a car park in front of the hall and the new owners have installed small white bollards around the car park. I'm unsure what these bollards are for, possibly to state that it is their property and to separate it from the path. I think these signs and bollards have appeared quite recently.
8. I've been challenged once for using the footpath. I was walking with my wife and our dog, and we were stopped by a man and someone I assumed was his son. The man said it was private land in a threatening way. I told the man that I had been walking here for a long time. I wasn't sure who this man was, but I assumed he must have been the new owner of Neuadd Treborth.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Richard Evan Jones from Y Wenallt, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2NA make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The path starts from the A487 main road and follows a small lane passing Fferm Treborth and Penrhosgarnedd football club. Onwards past the football club on the left, passing just in front of the former Ysgol Treborth and past the houses towards the old railway bridge. This will take you to the gardens and I go down the footpath that goes to the left which leads to the Menai bridge.
3. I moved here about 40 years ago and must have started using the path in the late 90s. I didn't use the footpath immediately after arriving here. I found the path when I was taking the dog for a walk and became familiar with the area. This was a nice little circuit to take a walk with the dog. Sometimes I would also use the footpath to go swimming at Neuadd Treborth.
4. I do not use the path any more as my eyesight is not very good. The last time I used the path was about 3 years ago around 2019/2020. When I used the footpath, no season would affect how often I used it and I would certainly use it about once a month and after I retired about once a week.
5. I remember when I used to use the path, I had no trouble getting by and sometimes saying good morning and having a friendly chat with the Ysgol Treborth teachers as I passed on my journey.
6. During my time using the footpath, I never noticed if there were any signs saying not to walk that way. Also, I have never been stopped for using the path, it felt perfectly natural to walk along this footpath.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Rhodri Llewelyn from 211 Ffordd Penrhos, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DJ make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. I usually walk the path from the direction of the Treborth botanical garden and then continue to the right a bit by going over a railway bridge. After going over the bridge, the path continues past the houses on the left travelling quite close to the front of the former Ysgol Treborth and the path turns slightly to the right. A path follows the small tarmac lane which continues towards the main Treborth road.
3. I have been using the route occasionally for 40 years when I was a child in 1977. I lived in Bangor at this time. I used the path the most when I moved from Felinheli back to Bangor and started using it more often again in 2017.
4. During lockdown 2020, I used the path almost daily for leisure purposes to go for walks. My family enjoy coming for walks with me this way too.
5. I like to make a circuit using this path by starting from my house walking down Ffordd Penrhos in the direction of the Antelope and then through the botanical gardens, past the old school and then back by going down Lôn Dywyll back home.
6. This path is nice to do in the summer, so I use it more often during the warm months and less during the winter.
7. There was no trouble passing on the path when the building was open as a school and owned by the Council.
8. I remember seeing a private sign somewhere near the path and I am not sure when it appeared or exactly where the sign is.
9. I have not been challenged personally but my father and daughter were challenged by a man who I believe is the new owner of the former school. He came out and started ranting at them as they were walking on the path. This happened last year and since then my daughter and wife have been too afraid to pass along the footpath anymore. My neighbour has also been challenged.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, Sioned Elin Jones from 4 Goleufryn, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2LY make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with the claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I go for a walk on this footpath, I would usually set off from my home in Penrhosgarnedd towards Lôn Dywyll, crossing Lôn Treborth to the mouth of the junction where the footpath starts. I continue down this narrow lane past Treborth Mews and then on towards Penrhosgarnedd football club. After passing the football club on the left, the footpath continues round to get in front of the school and round again to pass some houses, heading for the railway bridge. In front of the former Ysgol Treborth, instead of following the tarmac ahead, a small track passes through the Woods, sometimes I would go this way too specially to get some shade on hot summer days. After this, you will reach the botanical gardens.
3. I don't usually do a circuit on my journey, or it tends to be a little too long for me, so I keep to walking there and back.
4. I started using the path about 25 years ago around 1997. I remember taking the older kids in the pushchair on this footpath and as they were growing up, I would take them to their swimming lessons at the former Ysgol Treborth and football training once a week. There were no parks in Penrhosgarnedd at the time, so it was good to take this footpath with the children.
5. When the children were in their swimming lessons, sometimes I would drive and park the car and go for a walk while they had their lesson. The swimming pool was quite small with not much room to sit and watch. These lessons were on Saturdays.
6. It was good to walk the footpath during the summer months and we used it more often in these months.
7. As the years went on life started to get busy and with work, so I had less time to go for walks and be on the footpath. Therefore, I could only walk this footpath about 1-2 times a month.
8. Around the time of Covid, I used it more often about once a week. Then I started hearing about people having a bit of trouble with the new owners of Neuadd Treborth and how they could be quite threatening towards some people. Since hearing this I haven't been walking the path for a while and life got busy.
9. The only sign I remember seeing on the footpath was a public right of way sign next to the fields before you reach the football club. I don't remember seeing any other signs around or signs to make me feel like I wasn't supposed to be there. It felt perfectly natural to walk this way and I took it for granted that this is a public footpath.
10. I have never been personally challenged about using the footpath.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application from Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Neuadd Treborth.

I, William Glyn Jones from 3 Coed y Maes, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2EJ make this statement to support the application to register a public footpath as described above and I state the following:

1. I am familiar with claimed route, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. The path starts from the main road and goes past Treborth Mews caravan site on the right. Continue along the track past the football club on the left. The track leads round to the right going past the front of the former Ysgol Treborth. There is a small track behind the trees near the former Ysgol Treborth, however this track has been overgrown for a while. I know of some people who use it and I also do so sometimes, but I mainly walk in front of the school. This track is not very nice in the winter. From here carry on over the bridge and through the gardens. From here I head towards the Antelope Inn and back through Lôn Dywyll/Lôn Menai.
3. I'm originally from Anglesey and I moved to Penrhosgarnedd in 1983. When I started to use this path, that was when my eldest was born in 1991, and I would take the children along this way in the pushchair. We would often go past the school, down the track and to the little pond near the caravan site. I remember this well as we enjoyed feeding the swans there. I am sure that we would walk along the footpath about twice a week. During the last 10 years, my use has been less, and we use it about once a month.
4. I have by now ceased to use the footpath for about a year, as I am now 83 years old, and my knees are bad and limit how far I can walk.
5. As my children got older, as well as going regularly for a walk, I would also take them to play football at Penrhosgarnedd Football Club.
6. When we used the footpath there was a time when Neuadd Treborth was still a school and from what I can remember the Headteacher, Will Parry, had no problem with people walking past the school and it was not raised as an issue. I thought that this road was public and because of that I did not ever think that I did not have a right to walk there, it was so easy to walk past.
7. I cannot remember seeing any type of signs when walking on the footpath.
8. I have never been challenged for using the path and I have not met the new owners of Neuadd Treborth, however, I have heard that many people have difficulty passing along the footpath and I have been told that the owner can be very nasty verbally.
9. During the period when it was a school, I worked with the telephone company and undertook services in the houses, and I was called out about once a year. I worked with the telephone company since 1965 until the school closed. I could easily drive to the school either way to gain access to the houses next door to the school. Although there was a yellow barrier near the railway bridge, I never saw it closed and I never had any problems when driving or walking past.

D a t e :

S i g n a t u r e :

Regarding an application by Pentir Community Council to register a public footpath near Treborth Hall.

I, Keith M Jones of 1 Bron y Graig, Ty'n Lon, Treborth, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2NJ make this statement in support of an application to register a public footpath as described above and I will say as follows:

1. I am familiar with the route claimed, as shown by a red line on the plan.
2. When I walk the footpath, I would normally start from my home and walk down the main road and on the pavement, past Stermat junction and turn left at a junction to walk down a lane. I head past the old caravan site and Treborth Mews until getting to a locked gate on the left-hand side. I walk round the gap for walkers to the left and keep going down the lane. Shortly after passing the gate, there an entrance on the left where the other public footpath joins the lane. I don't tend to use this path as it the farmer isn't keen of dogs going down the footpath and also it isn't very nice underfoot. After passing this small entrance, I continue down the lane until passing the Penrhosgarnedd football club on the left. I walk into the school area and continue to follow the lane through front of the school and past some houses. These houses are not very old and must have been build when I was a child. Despite this to the front of the school hasn't changed very much. After here I continue down the lane over the railway bridge and into Treborth gardens. After the university came, the place grew in popularity. Sometimes, I make my way to the antelope and back or a longer walk depending where I wanted to go.
3. I first started using the footpath when I was a child in secondary school in around 1953. When we were children, there were no cars or technology and spent most of our time walking the footpaths all the time and would be on this footpath almost daily certainly every week. This footpath in particular, we would walk on the footpath to get over the farm fields near the school to go help potato picking. We would also use the footpath to get up to Mennai Bridge over to Anglesey to go to the shops as there wasn't any shops in Treborth.
4. As I got older, I used the footpath to take my children for walks, my grandchildren for walks and also for walking the dog. Sometimes I would walk on this footpath to go to the Antelope Inn for a pint and was a safe way of walking home too. I would be using the footpath more than once a week.
5. When I was a child, the school never had a problem with us walking on the footpath and passing the school. The school was a big part of the community and the headmaster William Parry made sure that the school was a part of society. He would organise football games between children of the area and children of the school, I remember playing in these games. He would also organise games for the staff with members of the community like ladies against the gents. It was a community where everyone knew everyone, a friendly atmosphere and no one ever made me feel or said anything that make me think that I shouldn't be walking the footpath.
6. I don't remember seeing any signs that said it wasn't a public footpath. During the time it was sold, all I remember seeing was herras fencing around the old school building itself with a private property sign attached onto the fencing.
7. During the time where there were more cars on the road and a gate was placed near Treborth gardens to stop people driving down and using the lane as a short cut. I was also one of those people who owned a car and took a short cut this way from time to time. The gate there to stop drivers, but despite this the gate was almost always open. This gate was never locked and was for the purpose of cars only. There is also another gate down by Treborth Mews that has appeared recently and this gate is also locked. However, there is a passing place for walkers to the side.
8. I have been challenged before by a man that I had never seen before until this incident. I think this man came out of Treborth Hall and said something like 'this is private property' in an aggressive way. I presumed this must be the new owner of the old school. As far as I am concerned, it has always been a public footpath and people have always used it before

he came. It had also been quiet there for a long time from when it was closed until it was sold. I was a little stunned by this encounter, that this man was trying to stop me walking the footpath after my many years of use of the footpath. This must have happened sometime before I stopped using the footpath. I didn't stop using the footpath for this reason because I have always thought it is a public footpath.

Date:.....

Signature:.....



