

DENBIGHSHIRE CC COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF LLANTYSILIO MOUNTAIN FIRE SUMMER 2018

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF PAUL TATE OWNER OF PART OF THE MOUNTAIN

1. Paul Tate is the freehold owner of part of the mountain, some 485 ha of common land being the Eastern Section of the Mountain.
2. Mr Tate recognises the common grazing rights of the registered graziers who each have the right to graze set numbers of livestock for no charge.
3. The area has SSSI designation and there is a detailed list of potentially damaging operations.
4. The area is common land and hence the general public have the right to roam across the whole area owned.
5. Mr Tate has, in the past, entered into a S.15 management agreement with the then Countryside Council for Wales now NRW and readily complied with the Councils requests, data gathering, black grouse counting annually and restrictions.
6. Mr Tate did not have the resources to undertake controlled burning but consented to graziers and interested parties undertaking agreed habitat management works being heather, bracken and gorse control. The agreement also had provision for the authorities to undertake this management work.
7. The vegetation on the area opposite the Ponderosa Café has become denatured through intense vehicle use and parking and it is considered that some control or restriction of this may be beneficial to the management of the mountain.
8. Mr Tate would be willing to work with the authorities in future management.