



Perranzabuloe Parish Council

Beach Events Policy & Procedures

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1. Introduction

The character of the beach at Perranporth is recognised and established as being family orientated, offering a unique combination of expansive areas of soft golden sand and ancient sand dunes, access from multiple points and having many amenities within easy reach. It currently enjoys the status of having the coveted 'Seaside Award'.

Traditional beach activities such as paddling and swimming, rock pooling and beach games are further enhanced by Perranporth's international reputation as a fine Atlantic coast surfing destination. The presence of both the Surf Life Saving Club and the RNLI exemplifies the beach as being safe and well stewarded at peak times whilst also highlighting the necessity for caution and respect for the water.

Unique to Perranporth is the presence of The Watering Hole, a pub and restaurant situated on the sand and this locally owned business holds certain exclusivities as a tenant of the Parish Council within the terms of their lease. As a service to beach users they provide free Wi-Fi to the beach and amenities that make it easy for families to remain on the beach for full days should they wish. In addition, the car park owners all offer text and telephone facilities for extending car park stays.

Perranporth is also well known as a beach favoured by dog walkers and the Parish Council monitors this feature closely to ensure this works for the overall benefit of all beach users.

2. History and Culture

Historically the cultural heritage of Perranporth is linked to the extensive mining activity that was largely responsible for the establishment of this coastal village and this is reflected in the exposed cliffscape along the extent of the beach, most notably around Droskyn Point.

Within the dunes is the ancient oratory of St Piran, the Saint who is credited with bringing Christianity to Cornwall and whose flag is recognised as a symbol of Cornwall itself.

Hence the identity of Perranporth beach is manifold in character and retains its attraction without much in the way of enhancement by events and as such any requests for beach events should be restricted in number and nature in order not to negatively impact on the personality of the area.

3. Policy

The expectation of local residents, holiday makers and others when visiting Perranporth Beach is that they will be able to enjoy, unimpeded the traditional family orientated beach activities described above and consequently any beach activities that may create conflict with those expectations should be limited and generally only approved if they benefit the community, generating commerce into the area during the off season (i.e. outside the busiest school holiday periods) or adding to the image of the village and parish as a whole.

In general, organised events should satisfy the following criteria:

1. Be authorised in accordance with Perranzabuloe Parish Council procedures and timings.
2. Comply with all and any current Byelaws.
3. Have a community or charitable focus or intent.
4. Be relevant to a sensitive beach or dune environment.
5. Not cause the beach to be unduly restricted to other beach users in any way.
6. Not exceed the Parish Council's guidelines and approvals for vehicular access and movements on the beach area.
7. Not be focused around motorised activities on land or sea.
8. Not infringe any existing contracts with our leaseholders (the question of commercial activities is covered in the section above).
9. Be organised to avoid the published Cornwall Council school summer holidays and the May and October half term holidays.
10. Have no negative environmental, geological or biological impact on the beach, dunes or wider local ecosystems (including SSSI and nearby natural habitats)
11. Be organised with the highest regard for 'green and clean' environmental principles to cover all aspects of the event (especially modes of transport, use of consumables, removal of waste, etc.)
12. Operate in accordance with all other local restrictions and Perranzabuloe Parish Council policies (e.g. release of balloons and lanterns prohibited).

4. Process

In the first instance, notification of an intended event should be made via the appropriate Cornwall Council Event Notification Form available online at www.cornwall.gov.uk . The Clerk at Perranzabuloe Parish Council should be copied into this application and you will obtain a first response within 28 working days.

In order to speed up your application it is worth being aware that a full Risk Assessment and Public Liability Insurance will be required before any event can be agreed (minimum £5M for small events; £10M for all music events and larger sports events), so you may wish to investigate your options for both these stipulations in advance and make sure they are achievable for you and your organisation.

You will also be expected to submit an environmental impact assessment for your event to gain approval. This should include details of how your activity will be organised and managed to prevent damage to the natural beach, dunes and marine environment itself (e.g. litter prevention and collection, avoidance of single use plastics, use of recycling facilities, reduction of foot traffic over dunes, use of flammables, etc.), and mitigate impacts to the wider local area (e.g. loud noise or music, vehicle traffic and parking, use of green travel where possible, and minimisation of air pollution, etc.).

For larger events (over 100 attendees), the Parish Council will require approval of all marketing materials and/or participant information for the activity before these are published.

As the event organiser, you as an organisation (and your designated event staff as individuals) must also be aware that the Parish Council will pass on the full costs of resolving any negative impacts from your event, whether directly or indirectly caused, conscious or unintentional, by you or others. This includes (but is not limited to) the costs of litter removal, rectifying any damage to the natural environment, enforcement action by any official body, public or third-party liability claims, additional staffing or contractor costs, or any incurred costs that arise as a consequence of the event or activity having been promoted, organised or having taken place.

Your organisation must be appropriately insured and set aside adequate contingency funds to cover all such eventualities, however unlikely they may seem.