



Perranzabuloe Parish Council

Management Plan

Skate Park, Ponsmere Valley, Perranporth

Introduction

Parks and play areas provide opportunities for development and learning through play, including multisensory experiences helping early developmental skills, social skills and interaction. They are places where residents can connect and interact, and they can help divert anti-social behaviour.

Vision

To provide a facility for young people in Perranporth and the wider community to enjoy healthy physical activity in a social setting within the designated recreational area of Ponsmere Valley.

Objectives

During public consultation exercises, participants consistently requested a skate park facility in the parish and the parish council aims to meet this demand and to:

- Deliver a high-quality inclusive, recreational facility for the community, encouraging greater engagement and reducing anti-social behaviour
- Ensure the facility is fit for purpose and maintained in a good standard of condition
- Improve accessibility and offer inclusive opportunities to currently underrepresented groups, including those who suffer from physical and mental disabilities
- Ensure the facility continues to meet the needs of the local community

Management Arrangements

The skate park facility in Perranporth is the responsibility of Perranzabuloe Parish Council. The facility is managed according to the following principles:

1. Regular visual inspection of the facility is undertaken as part of the weekly inspection schedule and annual review.
2. Monthly inspections are conducted by a reputable third party supplier.
3. An independent annual safety inspection is carried out by RoSPA
4. Any safety and maintenance issues highlighted to be remedied in a timely manner.

5. The facility is for use during daylight hours only and is not lit at night. The site is routinely monitored by local authorities: police, street marshals and parish council staff as the local police station and parish council offices are within sight of the facility.
6. CCTV surveillance is in place provided by the parish council and camera OSP006 is positioned to provide coverage of the skate park area. The parish council has committed to ongoing CCTV provision and included for maintenance expenses in its annual budget. Cameras are monitored by Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service and links available to the police and street marshals. Any inappropriate or out-of-hours use of the park will be stopped immediately.
7. Clear signage states safety and usage requirements: users to wear helmets and safety clothing, no glass or naked flames on site. Users are instructed to be respectful of nearby residents in terms of their behaviour and noise levels.
8. Litter bins are provided and regularly emptied by the parish council. Additional litter picking at the site is undertaken by the Parish Ranger as needed.
9. Any graffiti is quickly removed by the parish council.
10. The skate user group, Perran Skate Collective works with the Parish Council to ensure appropriate use of the facility and to support skaters. The group provides feedback to the council and communicates any areas of concern.

Monitoring

The management plan will be reviewed annually.