

Pavilion Leisure Centre benefits by saving energy



A drive to save energy at a south Gwynedd leisure centre has seen its popularity soar and its profits grow from strength to strength.

Since 2005, the Pavilion Leisure Centre in Barmouth has managed to lower its use of gas and electricity by more than half and lowering its carbon emissions by a remarkable 57.7% which has led to making substantial savings on the centres energy bills.

As part of its five-year carbon management plan, Gwynedd Council has been actively investing to make its public buildings more energy efficient, with the aim of dramatically lowering its carbon footprint as well as making efficiency savings.

Councillor John Wynn Jones, Gwynedd Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment said:

“Over the past five years, as a Council we have made significant improvements to many of our buildings across the county to ensure that we're making the best use of our energy systems. The Pavilion Leisure Centre is one of the buildings that has undergone improvements, including a new, streamlined boiler system, more efficient lighting and a new heat regulation system.

“In addition to making improvements to the building, the success is also down to staff taking a proactive approach when it comes to saving energy by being coherent and re-investing the financial savings into the building. As a result, there has been a 30% increase in the Centre's membership which is very encouraging for the future.”

Duty manager at Barmouth's Pavilion Leisure Centre, Craig Papirnyk added:

“When we received our budget three or four years ago it became obvious we had to save money. By improving our energy usage we have been able to make substantial savings which have been re-invested in the Centre.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve invested probably about £10,000 in the gym on various machines that our customers have asked if we could get for them – this has all been possible with the reductions in our running costs. Without a doubt these new machines have encouraged more people to use the centre’s facilities.”

For more information about the Pavilion Leisure Centre and to find out about the activities that are held there, go to www.gwynedd.gov.uk/leisure or phone 01341 280111.