

HILLHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE



hub
West Scotland

FACT FILE

Project Type:
Community Centre

Project Value:
£2.5M

Gross Internal Floor Area:
1196m²

Programme:
On Site - October 2013
Operational - August 2014

Location:
Meiklehill Road, Kirkintilloch, East
Dunbartonshire

Supply Chain Partners:
Architect - Macmon
Services Engineer – TUV SUD
Landscape Architect: City Design
Co-Operative
Civil & Structural: Morgan Sindall
Professional Services
QS/CDMC – Allan and Hanel
Contractor – Fleming Buildings Ltd

PARTICIPANT: EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
REGENERATION IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Hillhead Community Centre is a vital part of the wider regeneration of the Hillhead area in Kirkintilloch. Replacing an older facility, hub West Scotland developed an award winning, modern, multi-functional space to accommodate a wide range of users from the local community.

“A modern, functional and vibrant building that will provide opportunities for a broad range of community activity.”

**Councillor Rhondda Geekie,
Leader of East Dunbartonshire
Council**



VALUE FOR MONEY

The project delivered on 4 Critical Success Factors and 5 Value for Money criteria, achieving outcomes such as:

- Design created through extensive community consultation
- Designed to reduce running costs by over 50%
- Sustainable employment created through apprenticeships
- Innovative technologies used to create an energy efficient facility
- EPC Rating of B achieved



Hillhead Community Centre has been an integral part of its local community for over 80 years. The new building replaced the existing community centre offering considerable opportunity for increased capacity and expansion of services.

The new facility includes a café, crèche, agile office space, outdoor space, multi-purpose meeting rooms, and a double height main hall which can also be sub divided to accommodate multiple uses.

One of the key design requests from the community was to provide a welcoming entrance. The new entrance opens the community centre to the street with a

softer edge and inviting the community in with views to the coffee shop and reception area.

Sustainability was an important requirement for this project. The building has a biomass boiler and fuel store which supplies its own energy and heat sources and is naturally ventilated throughout, reducing running costs of the facility.

The building was designed with the premise of being accessible to all, and it has definitely achieved this, giving a home to a wide range of community groups and events.

- **The first new build project completed in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Council**
- **Completed on time and on budget**
- **Local contractor appointed to deliver the project**
- **Winner of the Scottish Property Award for Community Benefits 2015**
- **Finalist for RICS Community Benefit Award 2015**

Community Benefits

Number of Apprentices	2
Site Visits(schools)	42
Work Placements	2
Educational Engagement	163 persons
Contract value awarded to SME's	90%

The Council requested that the project be developed with a strong community approach throughout the design and construction phases. The team ensured that extensive engagement took place from the outset, with representatives from the community outlining their requirements for the brief.

The partnership approach saw the Council, hWS and members of the design team working together to deliver on employability commitments and school engagement activities during the construction. The project was recognised for its community approach at the Scottish Property Awards, winning the Community Benefit award.

"Moving to the new community centre has been a huge boost for everyone at the Small Talk Café. The facilities are superb and we have a prime position at the front of the building where we can give everyone a warm welcome as they arrive. The service users enjoy coming in to work in such a pleasant environment, which is at the heart of the local community"

Theresa Quinn, Employee at the Small Talk Cafe



Apprentices appointed through the project



Educational engagement with the local school



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