

Title: ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND COWIE NURSERY

Client: STIRLING COUNCIL

Location: COWIE



Project team: Robertson Capital Projects / hub East Central Scotland, Robertson Central (contractor), AHR (architect), CRA (Alloa) Ltd (civil & structural), Atelier Ten + Stirling Council M&E (building services), Brownriggs (CDM Coordinator)

The new St. Margaret's Primary School & Cowie Nursery provides accommodation for circa 250 school pupils and 100 nursery children in the Stirlingshire village of Cowie. The facility comprises a single stream primary school and new integrated nursery, replacing existing separate establishments elsewhere in the village. Proposals were developed to maintain the separate identities of the existing facilities within the new development. Community hall and changing facilities were also included to support the community use of the educational facilities.

"I was enormously impressed when I was shown round this fantastic new building. Stirling Council team and the contractors have produced a wonderful new school and nursery, and the parents and children at the open day all seemed to be delighted."

Education Convenor Alistair Berrill

Key statistics

- VALUE: £6,592,350.41
- COMPLETION DATE: August 2016
- CONTRACT DATES: 13 months
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:
 - Ivor Goodsite visits carried out at both nurseries
 - Meet the buyer/community completed
 - Met with Community Council
 - Schools visits arranged for pupils
 - School safety talks
 - Work placements with You Train
 - Arranging work placements with Forth Valley College
 - Robertson reporter visit
 - Raploch URC visit
 - CRAC site visit
- TOTAL USERS/RESIDENTS: Circa 250 primary pupil capacity + 100 nursery children + school staff
- REPLACEMENT DETAILS: The existing St Margaret's Primary school, Cowie, is a one hundred-year building which served the local community very well. The school was unfit for its purpose and the deteriorated fabric of the building beyond economical repair.
- LOCAL EMPLOYEES: (Q2 2016): 42%



Project information

The building comprises five significant areas, teaching wing, kitchen and dining, admin, community hall and nursery. The teaching space occupies its own wing pointing towards Stirling, with the assembly hall and community hall located in the centre of the building. The main kitchen and the dining hall are located to the right of the front elevation, adjacent to this is the school main entrance and the administration suite. Sitting to the left of that is the main [and separate] entrance to the Nursery and community facilities. The community facilities are also entered via the nursery entrance and this leads to a separate dedicated community hall and associated kitchen toilet and storage facilities.

This project was the culmination of an extensive design process and consultation with many stakeholders and the local community.