

SIKA AT WORK AN CRÙBH (THE HUB), ISLE OF SKYE

ROOFING: Sika Sarnafil S327-12EL Lead Grey membrane with Décor Profiles











SIKA SARNAFIL CROWNS ISLE OF SKYE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROJECT REQUIREMENT

Located to the south of the Isle of Skye, An Crùbh (The Hub) is a welcoming community centre born from the dedication of the Camuscross and Duisdale Initiative – a group that seeks to improve opportunities for local people – alongside a hardworking design team, contractor and sub-contractors.

The community needed a multi-purpose building, to include a shop, café, and flexible space for activities and meetings. South Queensferry-based WT Architecture was brought on board, working with those who would come to use the centre, to ensure a comprehensive brief. The project secured lottery funding, allowing construction to go ahead within the budget available.

Given the building's location on an exposed site, and its purpose, the design for An Crùbh had to combine hardiness and durability with a friendly, domestic feel, providing a home-from-home for the community and visitors alike. An important aspect of the building's weatherproof performance was the roof, which needed to match the look and feel of the building for the right cost.

SIKA SARNAFIL SOLUTION

Highlands building company, Compass, managed the construction, employing Sika Sarnafil Registered Contractor AIM Developments to install the roof. As a leading single ply roofing specialist, AIM Developments worked closely with Sarnafil to deliver a solution for the building that would look aesthetically pleasing, whilst standing up to the elements.

One metre wide sheets of Sarnafil's S327-12EL Lead Grey membrane with Décor Profiles were specified as a cost effective and high performance way to emulate a zinc standing seam roof. The team developed refined details for the eaves and verges, whilst allowing for the durability needed on an exposed and very windy site.

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however, accessing and working in remote locations is a specialism of AIM Developments. Weather conditions and exposure to the elements, especially on the pitched areas of the roof, caused further difficulties, but the skilled fitters ensured health and safety was the number one priority.

The location of the site was the most challenging aspect of the project,

Strong collaboration and a team attitude were needed from all to deliver a high quality landmark to a tight public-funding budget. Finished to an impeccable standard, An Crùbh sits happily in the beautifully rugged landscape, and has become a new epicentre for the community and visitors to the island alike.

Testament to the stunning design and skilled workmanship displayed throughout the project, WT Architecture received a commendation for An Crùbh in the Edinburgh Architectural Association Awards, which acknowledges architectural excellence.

Upon final inspection, the roof was awarded a 10 year guarantee from Sika Sarnafil, and along with the membrane's BBA certificate assuring life expectancy in excess of 35 years, the community can trust that the building will be kept watertight for many years to come.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

Size: 800m²

Client: Camuscross and Duisdale Initiative
Architect: WT Architecture
Contractor: Compass Building and Construction Services
Roofing contractor: Aim Developments
Project name: An Crùbh (The Hub)
Location: Isle of Skye



