

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 4th May 2021.

Present: Cllr. Corden (in the chair), Cllrs. Conlon, McDonald, Stewart.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Chapman, Johnston. **Absent:** Cllrs. Beaumont, Hakeney, Kay, MacKee, Shanks.

1. The purpose of the meeting was to allow a presentation on Grant Advisor.
2. Matthew Godfrey of Idox was invited to speak to the parish council to present the services offered by his company.

He gave an overview of the Grant Advisor database which identifies funding opportunities. Filters allow selection of those funds available for the voluntary and community sector, which can be broken down step-by-step to meet specific needs. There is a search facility for geographic location. Results can be saved into a report file. The program supplies information which can be used to inform applications for funding.

Written guidance is available on types of funds, how to write an application. Idox does not write applications but can provide contact details for bid writers.

Email alerts on new funds, closing dates etc; newsletter, news feed.