**Body Of Sound: Minutes of Steering Group Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7p.m.**

**On Zoom**

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| **1** | **Present:** Gill Dean, (Chair), Kate Thomas, Izzy Price, Carol Adams, Liz Scanlon, Judy Harris, Anna Goss, Liz Koe, Lisa Heller, (minutes). | ***Action/***  ***Who*** |
| **2.1** | **The minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group** held on 5th January 2022 were not approved |  |
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|  | **The meeting ended at 8 p.m.**  **Date of next meeting TBC** |  |