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# GRACE HILL LIBRARY: THREAT OF CLOSURE

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**Thanks to all who attended or messaged support for the meeting.**

* A useful discussion of the situation helped to share information and begin to shape a collective contribution by local groups to the campaign to save the Library, working alongside others in the community.

Meeting outcomes:

* **A collective statement was agreed**, with refinements and adjustments to a working draft
* This statement will be published as soon as possible, ideally on **March 31st**.
* Confirmation of signatory groups is in progress; others can be added in further stages.
* Links to activity being led by others in the community were noted:
* **Friends of Folkestone Library** [**https://www.facebook.com/groups/480123360884253/**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/480123360884253/)
* **Save Folkestone Library Group** [**https://www.facebook.com/groups/888183092479497/**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/888183092479497/)
* Email addresses for contacting KCC responsible officers were shared

Further actions to be considered and developed:

* Online information platform – possibly hosted by existing group or a new platform
  + Grace Hill history The story of the Library since inception
  + Group statement Community groups position, as referenced above  
     User group listing & comments
  + Document bank: **Factual reference** information relating to the KCC process

**Chronology** of events and decision points

**Expert advice**, including finance, legal, building professionals

* + Testimony: ‘**witness statements’** relating to experience of using   
     Grace Hill Library & History resource collection
  + Storybook **Tales of Grace Hill** – the voice of Children, families and others
  + Petition: **KCC petition** initiated by Bryan Rylands (awaiting approval)
  + **change.org or similar** for public statement
* Wider appeal for support
  + National Bodies Heritage; libraries; writer groups
  + Political representatives
  + Celebrity support Historians, writers, performers
* Coordinating group to support communication between groups & strands of action