

# GRACE HILL LIBRARY: THREAT OF CLOSURE

Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 28th March for community groups.

**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