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DERRY CITY COUNCIL - COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

I had a telephone call from Colm Geary, Clerk, Derry City Council to let me know what happened at the Council debate on the above topic last night.

Before the debate commenced the boycotting councillors arrived to "sign on" and apparently Gregory Campbell gave what Colm Geary described as a very long evangelistic sermon before leaving.

The debate itself on the motion about the commemorative plaque was low key and Mr Geary believes that IIP and SDLP had discussed the matter prior to the meeting and had agreed on the action to be taken. The Finance and General Purposes Committee have been tasked to consider the wording appropriate to such a plaque but Mr Geary believes that it will be dedicated to all innocent people including the 14 killed on Bloody Sunday. He does not think at this stage that the names of the people who died on "Blood Sunday" will be included on the plaque but again he will let me know when they decide.

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