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DUP backs £60k museum lifeline

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The DUP has given its blessing to a £60,000 lifeline for the Museum of Free Derry, which charts the Troubles from the perspective of the nationalist Bogside community.

And the DUP deputy mayor, Drew Thompson, said today he believed that, if the inquiry into the events of Bloody Sunday finds that soldiers committed murder, they should be treated like other murderers and brought to account.

In a landmark move, the DUP last night voted with the SDLP and Sinn Fein to award the cash to the museum, which was opened earlier this year by former Guantanamo Bay detainee Moazzam Begg on the 35th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.






The money for the museum was agreed as it emerged at yesterday's development committee meeting that the Glenfada Park museum faced closure within weeks due to a £47,000 shortfall. The council is also set to award financial aid to two other projects, at the Apprentice Boys' Memorial Hall and St Columb's Cathedral, as part of the Walled City Signature Project.

Mr Thompson said today that the museum was an important feature in the wider tourism package being developed in Derry.

The deputy mayor, who is also involved in an Irish history project which included a recent trip to the General Post Office in Dublin to examine the Easter Rising, said: "Tourists are coming to the city and are going to these places, this museum and the Memorial Hall. It is part of our history whether we like it or lump it."

Mr Thompson said he has not yet been to the museum, which tells the story in words, pictures, films and artefacts relating to the civil rights movement, the Battle of the Bogside, internment and Bloody Sunday.

Adrian Kerr, curator at the Museum of Free Derry, today welcomed the cross-party support for the financial aid.

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