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## KELLY: CRAIGAVON SWINGER FULTON MEMORIAL AN OUTRAGE

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SDLP Upper Bann MLA and councillor Dolores Kelly said the decision by Craigavon Council to permit a memorial bench to LVF killer Mark ‘Swinger’ Fulton in Kernan cemetery is an absolute outrage.

She said: “It is very hard for anyone from the nationalist community which bore the brunt of LVF terror to understand the utter blindness of unionists on this issue. Swinger Fulton took over LVF leadership from Billy Wright and continued the rampage that gave the Murder Triangle its name.

“A whole string of murders has been laid at his door, from the taxi driver Michael McGoldrick killed as a birthday present for Billy Wright, to Sean Brown and Rosemary Nelson. Can unionist councilors really have forgotten that under his leadership, the LVF murdered one of their own staff, Adrian Lamph? Are they really so blinkered that they will put through evil motions like this on a pure sectarian knee-jerk?

“This is an equality issue and I intend to pursue it as such with the Equality Commission. The Fulton memorial bench is in a cemetery paid for out of the rates, and ratepayers should not have to put up with this. I believe the unionists are out of step with their own community, especially given the very significant progress we have made towards a shared future, and the vast majority of ratepayers in the unionist community will find it as repugnant as I do. It is an obscenity and those who forced it through have now lost all moral authority in relation to memorials in general and indeed the needs of victims.”

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