

Fire Brigades Union Hampshire Brigade Committee Meeting

5 February 2002

Winchester Fire Station

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Apologies

Received from:

Members Present

Bro's. Williams (Secretary). Christopher (Vice Chair). Parsons (Membership Sec.)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accuracy agreed.

Matters Arising

ICU Crewing remains in dispute and the meeting of the NJC Joint Secretaries held on the 28 January 2002 ruled that further meetings should take place locally to resolve differences. The status quo should remain in that the HFRS only operational ICU is the appliance stationed at, and crewed by Winchester Firefighters.

Copnor/Southsea

Deputation to be attended by FBU.

Leave Service Order

Extra bank holiday for Queens Jubilee.

Refer to previous minutes for summary allowances

Day Crewing Sub—Committee to meet before March to discuss effects of new leave Service Order.

Personnel

FBU 25 Year Membership Badges. Many long overdue. New Membership Secretary to deal with this following the official hand—over.

Grey Books Station copies.

10 copies of Branch Officials Handbooks to be ordered from Region and distributed. These handbooks contain copies of the Grey Book.

Training and Education

Approved Union and TUC courses all Branch Reps to be given time off following/prior to courses. Branch Reps are entitled to 18 day's a year.

Operations

Hightown — Fairness and Dignity Meeting — look into Wholetime/Retained issues. Look at equality across both areas of the service - Wholetime and retained.

Officers at small incidents. No answer from Officers Section. Officers Section to discuss at their next meeting and report back. Current policy is to mobilize an officer. Junior Officers to monitor and report incidents of concern

St. Mary's - Awaiting progress of copy of Section 19 regarding the closure of Twyford and the crewing levels at C32 Eastleigh.

Health and Safety

Safety shoes WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT - these are NOT a points issue item. New replacement procedure in place. OiC's to familiarize themselves.

Regional/National

Berkshire are seeking a London Waiting style allowance to assist with the cost of living in their county. Hampshire to monitor progress and report back and progress.

Branch/Section Reports

Incident Debrief clarification of procedure required. Some OiC's not getting forms.

Personnel

Hightown

Considering withdrawing tradesman's work. Advised to refer to Service Order of a list of approved work. Ultimately this is a branch decision.

Andover

National Fairness at Work December 2001 . Requested more Support for future events.

PDP — No PDP meetings to take place without having ALL of the correct paperwork. Any problems to be reported.

Joint Protocols Joint enquiries with FBU and Management. Officer's Section to receive a presentation by the FBU at a future meeting detailing this matter.

Basingstoke

Retained Holiday Pay — Details to be circulated.

Concerned with amount of days owed to firefighters unable to reasonable take leave due to crew crewing restrictions.

Copnor

Expressed concerns over the future of the station. All members shared support for the forthcoming meetings.

Winchester

Concerned with the current housing problems.

Training and Education

Basingstoke

Request details of Driver Training failure rates, as they are concerned with the standard of driver training.

Eastleigh

MRV — request support for a report to be presented to Management to Primary Crewing all three MRV's based on competency and training commitments.

All MRV stations to meet up to discuss and consult MRV Focus Group

Chair

BA Facemasks new donning and doffing procedures. Watch BAI's to receive instruction and pass on. Training note to follow. This is based on new legislation.

Operations

St Mary's - New Volvo not fitted with black box data recorder.

Hightown — Experiencing problems with traction control on an appliance.

Andover - Confirm safety procedures at RTA's and incidents on the highways New guidelines will follow after a joint Fire/Police meeting to discuss such incidents.

Basingstoke New Years morning. Catering problems — not available. All problems with the catering at incidents to be reported.

Health and Safety

Union to consider asking Eurowise (Government Agency) to carry out a study on ways the Fire Service can reduce its impact on the environment.

Minutes of H&S Sub-Committee

New contractors book to be issued to all station Property Services Dept.
Union Inspection Notice — pro-forma discussed. Further discussions with Management to take place.

Branch/Section Reports

Basingstoke — Concerned over loss of space and the facilities on station resulting in a direct cause for further concern regarding many health and safety issues. Branch has withdrawn all good will and tradesman's work. FBU to carry out a Workplace Audit as soon as possible.

National Conference

C32 proposed the following list of delegates for this year's national conference

Dave Graham — Chair

Harry Williams - Secretary

Paul Christopher — Vice Chair

Jim Goddard

Seconded by Bro. Steve Moore. Agreed unanimously.

Observers — list of names to be discussed at next meeting.

Education

Any reps requiring courses to contact Paul Christopher for availability details.

Regional/National Issues

No report

Membership Secretary Report

No Report

Correspondence

Refer to list held by Harry Williams.

A.O.U.B

Messages of support for all crews at Copnor Fire Station

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 March 2002 at 1000hrs