

THE FIRE BRIGADES UNION

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UNION CALLS FOR SUSPENSION OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER DURING INVESTIGATION INTO WEBSITE POSTINGS

The Fire Brigades Union has called for Merseyside Fire Authority to investigate the source of website postings detailing the content of national talks aimed at settling the Merseyside dispute. The union says the content, timing and source of the postings points to the possibility that Chief Fire Officer Tony McGuirk, who was at the hotel in London where the talks were taking place, was directly involved.

Mark Dunne, Brigade Chair of Merseyside Fire Brigades Union said:

“Our understanding is that within minutes of us breaking at lunchtime there was a detailed posting on the UK-fire website outlining the content of the talks and attacking Les Skarratts one of our Merseyside officials. The source of the posting has been traced to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority so it could not have been someone on strike.

“Tony McGuirk, although not directly involved in the talks, was at the hotel where they were taking place and was being briefed about their content. We believe he is one of the prime suspects as the person to have either directly or to have been the guiding hand behind placing the posting on this website.

“The website posting has caused genuine anger and seriously undermined the talks which were at a delicate stage. We believe, as would and should be the case for any of his staff, that Mr McGuirk be suspended pending an investigation into what we believe is unacceptable conduct.”

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What a strange turn of events!

I have just found out that a certain Mr Les Skarratts of Merseyside FBU is still in the UK and is at this very moment in negotiations with MF&RS at a secret London location (the Novatel-Euston!) Les along with Messrs Dunne, Dark and Brown have met with the MF&RS delegation this morning in an attempt to resolve the current industrial dispute on Merseyside.

Warnings:

I can report that the employers side(just the usually accepted 2 representatives!) have told the FBU that what is on the table is exactly what has been on offer since Monday! The employers gave the FBU delegation an hour to consider their position and decide on whether or not to continue the talks! And surprise, surprise the FBU has come back to the table! (So who is that has been dragged back to the table kicking and screaming???...sorry about that but the irony is perfect!!) The FBU has told the employers side that 'it thinks there maybe something on the table that they can accept', well hello Sherlock Holmes! Is this it?

Has Les cancelled his honeymoon to broker a deal that has been on offer since Monday?

Are the rumours true that a petition is circulating calling for Les to step down?

Have Merseyside FBU members lost money hand over fist just for the sake of it?

Has the National FBU used Merseyside as a guinea pig to see if resilience teams really work(oh yes they do!!)

For the next exciting episode of the blind leading the blind look out for your latest FBU All Members!!

Don't forget if I want your opinion I'll ask the FBU for it.....baaa!!