

Residents urged 'not to panic' over tax

PROTESTORS against the Household charge have asked people "not to panic" after homeowners in the county received warning letters seeking payment of €127 – which includes a penalty for late payment.

Information meetings are scheduled to take place this week in Tallaght and Clondalkin, opponents of the charge said.

The first batch of warning letters to owner-occupiers, believed not to have paid the charge, was issued last week.

Up to then only landlords or second home owners had been sent letters reminding them of their household charge liabilities.

Mick Murphy, Socialist Party representative for Dublin South West and Campaign Against Household and Water Tax spokesperson for the area, is "calling on people not to panic and not to pay."

The next information meeting will be on October 31 in the Abberley Court Hotel at 8pm. A meeting is also scheduled for the Waterside in Clondalkin on November 1 at 7pm.

'We will keep fighting for Robert'

Family of coma dad want those behind shooting to face justice

AS TRAGIC young dad Robert Delany enters his fifth year in the coma he was left in after he was blasted by a lone gunman, his distraught family say they are more determined than ever that those behind the shooting are brought to justice.

Robert was aged 27 when he was shot in the face while looking out of the window of his apartment in Russell Rise, Tallaght, on October 24, 2008, in response to an intercom call at 6.30am.

Since then Robert, who has two young daughters, has been in a vegetative state and spent three years at Tallaght Hospital before being moved to Peamount Hospital – which can provide more long-term care.

On the fourth anniversary of his son's shooting, Robert's dad Terry told *The Echo*: "Robert is still in a

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permanent vegetative state and doctors have told us that he will never recover.

"We have to try and accept what doctors have told us but life is still very hard.

"We are trying to get on with life as usual but everyday we visit Robert – there is no closure for us even after a number of developments in the case."

In August 2011 it emerged that Finglas gangster Daniel Gaynor (25), who was shot dead that month in a gangland-style killing, was one of the chief suspects in the attack on Robert.

Sources revealed that the slain gun-for-hire was paid €10,000 to kill the young Tallaght dad, after, it is believed, Robert was



BLASTED: Robert Delany was shot in the face

targeted following his intervention in a row in a local pub – which, unknown to Robert, involved the son of a Republican figure.

In February of this year, a man, who had been arrested in relation to Robert's shooting in 2010 but released, received a 20-month jail sentence for stealing the car used in the hit.

Terry said: "People always think that the family should be happy with the case developments but nobody has actually been held accountable for the attack on Robert.

"Daniel Gaynor is dead and the second lad was jailed for stealing the car as opposed to his involvement in the shooting.

"The message we are sending out is that those who organised and financed the hit will be brought to justice.

"Somebody sentenced

Robert's death and the Delany family is determined to make life difficult for those who issued my son's death sentence.

"It's not right that they are out there living their lives as normal," Terry added.

Robert's family and friends kickstarted the Justice for Robert Delany, Innocent Victim of Violence campaign – which has received support from Taoiseach Enda Kenny and Justice Minister Alan Shatter.

Anybody with information about the attack on Robert is encouraged to contact Tallaght Garda Station on 6666000 or leave a post on www.innocentvictimsofviolence.ie.

The family are also offering a €20,000 reward for any information leading to the conviction of Robert's assailants.