

# Karibib Town Profile

*“City of Bright Lights”*

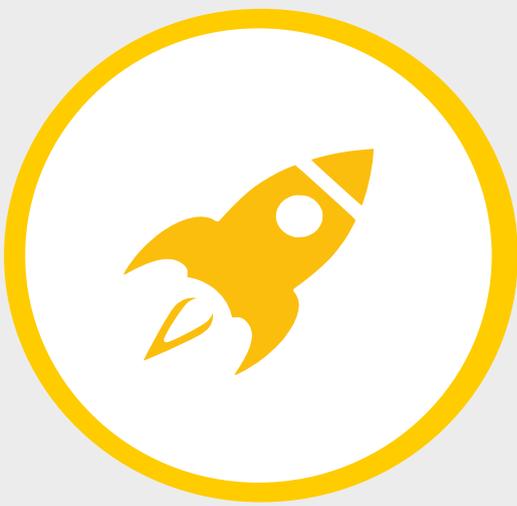
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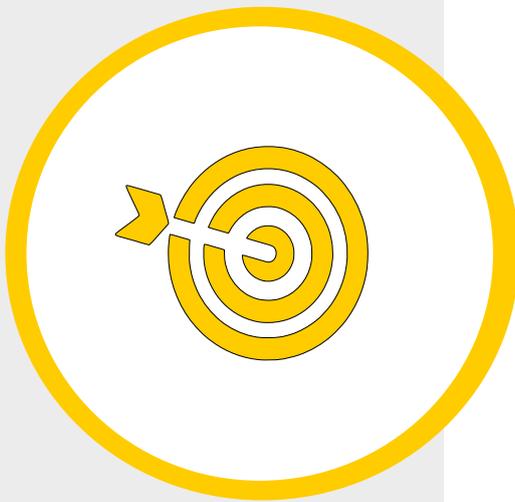
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## **Mission**

To deliver equitable, effective and efficient Municipal services to our residents and visitors to enable prosperity for all.



## **Vision**

A transforming town at the entry point of the mighty Erongo Region to attract multinational investments towards sustainable development.



## **Core Values**

Transparency - ensure access to public information  
Accountability - responsible as per our mandate  
Professionalism - to uphold ethics, fairness and integrity  
Commitment - to deliver services  
Inclusivity - to promote community & stakeholder engagement

# History of the town



The town of Karibib originated as a watering point for the Herero people known as Otjandjomboimwe. This watering point and adjacent land was bought from Herero headman Zacharias Zeraua, by Eduard Hälbich, a merchant from Otjimbingwe. According to legend Hälbich, he realised the business potential of the site arising from the railway construction work being undertaken between Swakopmund and Windhoek (Wikipedia, 2015). The construction of the railway line to Swakopmund and the railway station in Karibib kick-started the town with the first train arriving from Swakopmund in Karibib on 1 June 1900. As the construction of the railway line progressed towards Windhoek, so did the role of Karibib diminished as the workers moved with the construction of the railway line.

In 1904, with the Herero war, the town received a second growth spurt with the German troops being ferried via the railway line and the town's importance as a military hub grew. This then also led to Karibib being upgraded to a county, of which its governance was expanded to include the district of Omaruru and it was declared as a Municipality in 1909 with Eduard Hälbich as the first mayor. The role of the town became that of a trading post, waterpoint and small service center that served the farmers in the surrounding areas. The construction of the Karibib Privatschule in 1907 is also believed by many to have attracted people to the town due to its academic excellence at that time. The school closed down in 1986 and is now the home of the Karibib Private School. The finding of gold, marble & granite in the surroundings of town further contributed to the economic livelihood of the town. Over the years, this livelihood became more focused on mining than service delivery and with modern vehicles the role of the town of Karibib as a service Centre diminished to that of a fuel stop for the passing travelers on their way to the coast, Windhoek or the north.

# Administration of the town



**His worship The Mayor. Petrus Nabot**

Karibib is a fully autonomous Town Council administered through the Local Authorities Act of 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) as amended. According to the Local Authorities Act an area declared by the Minister of Urban and Rural Development as a Town is governed by an elected town council. After Namibia's Independence, Karibib was declared a Town in 1992. The Karibib Town Council has since administered the infrastructure, has serviced land and made property available under freehold ownership. Karibib town falls within the Karibib Constituency which includes the urban areas of Karibib and Usakos. The Karibib Constituency mainly comprises of these two urban areas and private commercial farms. The town of Karibib comprising of some 9,800 hectares and is governed by the Karibib Town Council while the surrounding rural areas (farm land) is governed by the Erongo Region Council. The total population of the

Karibib Constituency in 2011 was 13,320 (NSA, 2014) of which the town of Karibib had a population of 5,132. The Council consists of seven Councilors, the Mayor being the Chairperson of the council, representing the residents of Karibib in the political and social environment. The Councilors serves as the first law making house to achieve the overall strategic goals and objectives as set in the Council's Strategic Plan. The Council further consists of seven Junior Councilors which constitute from Karibib Junior Secondary and Karibib Private School with every member having different portfolios.



**Town Council CEO: Mr. Lesley Goreseb**

# KEY DRIVERS OF GROWTH

The key drivers section attempts to broadly identify the aspects that drive development and the economy of the town of Karibib.

## Navachab Mine

QKR Namibia Navachab mine, which is an open-pit gold mine, has been in operation since 1989. The mine is located outside the townlands of Karibib on the Farm Navachab. Due to the proximity of the mine to the town the work force of the mine has been located in the town of Karibib. The mine is currently the main employer of residents in town and in return the main supporter of the economy of the town.

QKR Namibia Navachab Gold mine ("Navachab") is owned by QKR Corporation Limited ("QKR") the majority shareholder and Epangelo Mining Company (Pty) Ltd ("Epangelo") the minority shareholder since July 2014.

Namibia Navachab Gold mine employs over 424 employees and 170 contractors and service providers.

The mine has a life of mine of 15 years and currently operates 3 separate pits and 2 processing plants.

Namibia Navachab Gold mine owns 244 houses in town that house its employees. Namibia Navachab Gold mine contributes to social upliftment in the town of Karibib, the Erongo Region and Namibia in general through various CSR projects like education sponsorship, provision of drinking water, livestock farming (Karakul) and garden projects. The mine also supports local businesses through subcontracts.

## Transportation corridors & accessibility

Karibib is located on the T-junction with two major transport corridors to the north and to the north-east of Namibia. This locality puts the town in the excellent position to providing logistical services to these corridors both rail and road. The Trans-Cunene Corridor links the harbour of Walvis Bay with Lubango in Angola – passing through Karibib to the north. The Trans-Orange Corridor links the harbour of Walvis Bay with South Africa

The Trans-Kalahari Corridor links the harbour of Walvis Bay with Botswana and SADC neighbours. The town of Karibib is easily accessible via the various corridors further lending itself to being well located for spin-off benefits not only from trade, but also normal traffic to and from the coast.

## Farming Community & inter-regional support

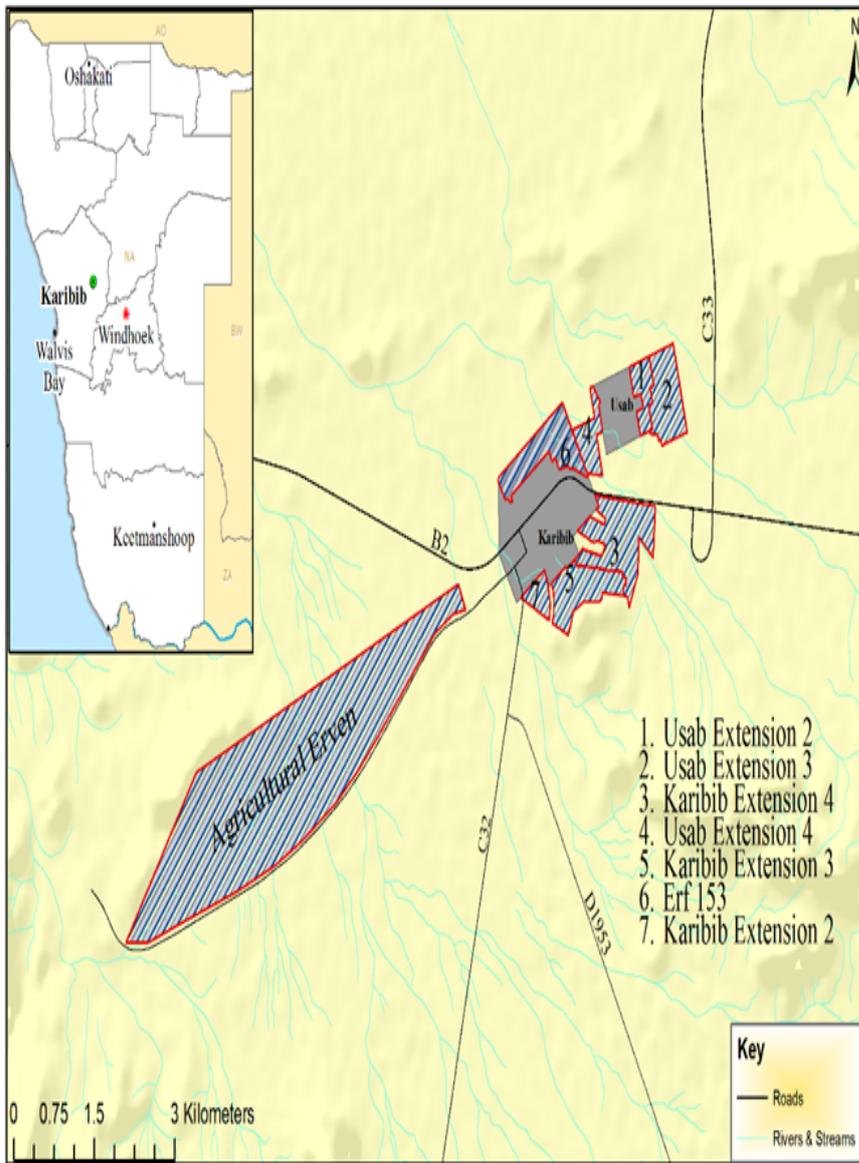
Karibib is surrounded by a large farming community, which to a lesser extent supports the economy of the town. The surrounding hinterland is also supporting a strong hunting and tourism market of which the town of Karibib gets very little advantage from.

## Marble Component

Tourmaline is available in a wide variety of colors from black to bluish-black, dark brown, yellow, medium-brown, blue to neon blue, lime to dark forest green, red and reddish purple, yellow, pink and colorless.

## OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TOWN

Karibib has vast land for business, residential, institutional and small-scale farming opportunities. The town can also offer solar energy farming and easy access to the main railway network. Mining opportunities include gold and semi precious stones. The town offers many historical heritage sites. Within economic potential, Karibib can offer business opportunities including heavy and light industrial businesses, hospitality, education, housing, affordable land, mining and processing of gemstones. Within our Key Strategic Economic priorities, Karibib Town Council has prioritized manufacturing, tourism, housing development, education and transportation



### Locality

### Sufficient townlands area

### Passing motorist

### Outside rust belt

Accessibility and convenience to main centres and activities in Namibia. This accessibility combined with the availability of land makes the town perfect for investment. The surrounding hinterland is filled with tourism opportunities, natural attractions and excellent hunting and with Karibib situated in a good position, the town can reap some benefits from these activities.

The Karibib Town Council is in a fortunate position in that it has sufficient townlands available for development in the future.

The town experiences heavy traffic during peak holiday seasons. Being located on the only tar road from and to the coast the town can reap benefits from spin-off benefits of the passing tourists.

The town of Karibib is situated outside the coastal rust belt.

# ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE



Karibib has a rich history and thereby a rich architectural heritage linked to the development of the town. There are seven known historical buildings and sites within Karibib. On the main street you will find the Henckert Tourist Centre, a first-class curio shop that serves as an Information Centre. This fascinating shop began as a small gem shop in 1969. If you have more time, the town is dotted with several historic buildings dating from the early 1900s when Karibib was an important overnight stop on the railway between Windhoek and Swakopmund, as well as a trade centre.

**TABLE 1: LIST OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND SITES IN KARIBIB**

Name of building	Significance	Declared as monument
The Kaiserbrunnen	Well, water reservoir	
Halbich Branch	Historical building	1 April 1986.
The Rosemann Building	Historical building	20 December 1979.
The Woll House	Colonial architectural style, built from local granite and Karibib marble	15 May 1986
The Supplies Post	Buildings erected by Schutztruppe in 1911 to serve as supply post for their operations	15 May 1986
The Hotel "Zum Grunen Kranze"	One of the hotels	15 May 1986
The Railway Station	Original railway station Building	
The Old cemetery		

# EDUCATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES



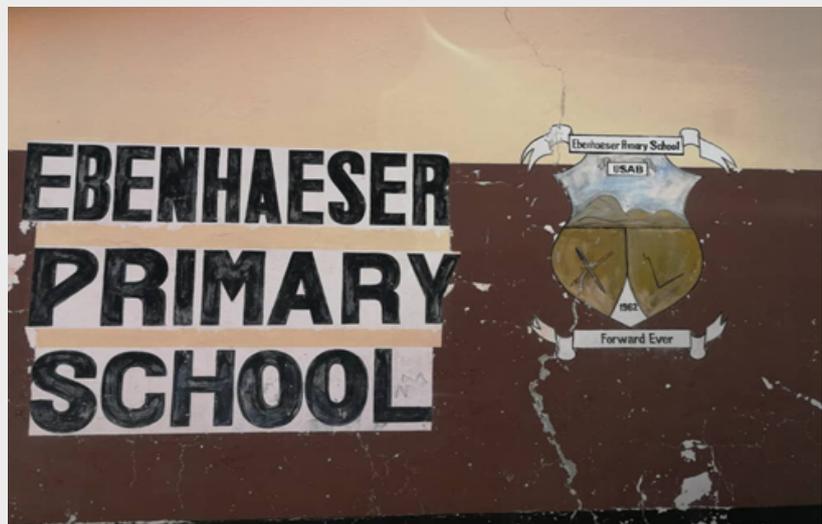
Karibib has no tertiary education facilities available, with the closest facilities found in Windhoek and Swakopmund where both UNAM and NUST facilities are available and Arandis that has a NIMT college.

Karibib has the following school facilities:

- a) Ebenhaeser Primary School: the school houses mostly children from the surrounding rural areas. The hostel linked to the school can only accommodate 90 children which means the rest of the children have to be housed with family, friends or strangers within the town.
- b) Karibib Junior Secondary School: teaches from grade 8 to 10
- c) Karibib Private School: has grades from pre-primary to Grade 12.
- d) Cornerstone Academy: is a Christian private education facility and caters for children from kindergarten up to Grade 7
- e) Karibib Education Centre: A private school with children from kindergarten up to grade 7

Karibib has following public institutions:

- \*Police station
- \*Fire station
- \*Clinic
- \*Magistrate office



# SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE



## HEALTHCARE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The town of Karibib has one health centre; one private health facility and one HIV counselling and testing centre. The town further has an ambulance service of the Ministry of Health and Social Services and emergency response unit.

## WATER PROVISION

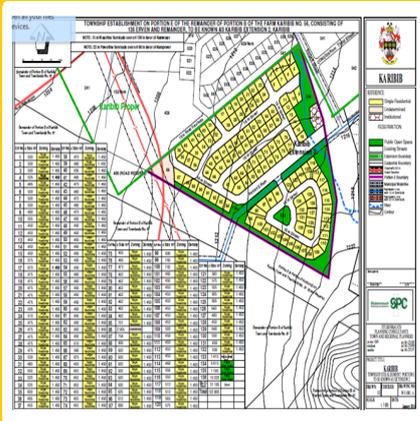
Bulk water to Karibib is supplied by NamWater, a recognized water utility supplier, via the Swakoppoort Dam. NamWater extracts raw water from the Swakoppoort dam which is then pumped to Karibib and treated at a treatment plant in Karibib. From the treatment plant the water is then distributed by the Karibib Town Council to the town residents. The capacity of the treatment plant is 3,600m<sup>3</sup>/hour (WCE, 2015) and treatment is done by chemical dosing, flash mixing, flocculation, settling, filtration and disinfection. After treatment water is pumped to a 1,350m<sup>3</sup> reservoir for storage and distribution to the town. All the proclaimed townships are connected to the water reticulation system, while the informal settlement is supplied with communal taps.

## ELECTRICITY PROVISION

Karibib town is supplied by a 66kV overhead powerline by ErongoRED, terminating at the Karibib 66/11kV, 2.5 MVA substation (WCE, 2015). The current demand according to the bulk infrastructure masterplan is 1.65MVA, leaving the town with a reserve capacity of 0.85MVA

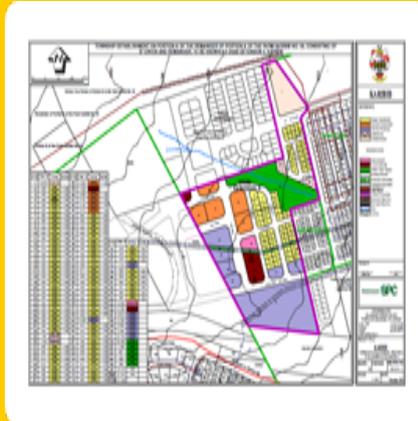
# New Extensions for Development

Council has managed to have Six (6) new extensions approved by the Township Board as follows:



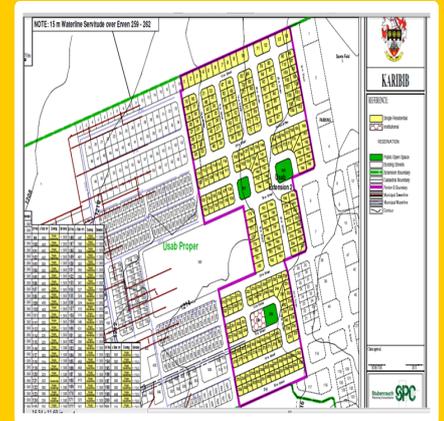
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- Ext 2 comprise of 136 erven
- 1 Institutional
- 1 Undetermined
- 3 Public Open Space
- 131 Single Residential



**EXTENSION 4, USAB**

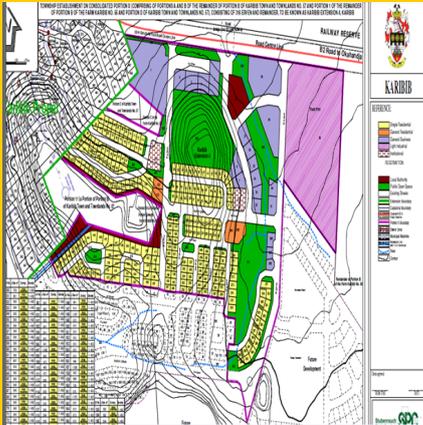
- Ext 4, Usab comprise of 96
- 5 Public Open Space
- 2 Local Authority
- 5 General Residential
- 2 Institutional
- 1 Undetermined
- 1 Government
- 7 General Business
- 73 Single residential



**EXTENSION 2, USAB**

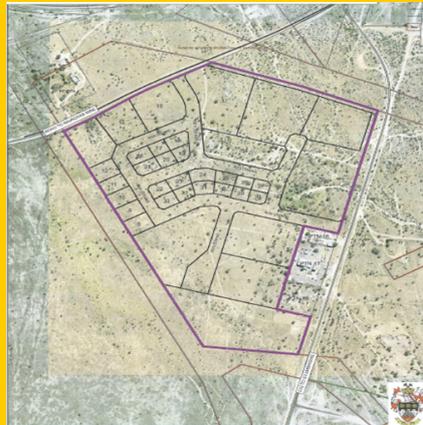
- Ext 2, Usab comprises of 309
- 3 Public Open Space
- 1 Institutional
- 305 Single Residential





**EX EXTENSION 4, KARIBIB**

- Ext 4 comprise of 315
- o 20 Public Open Space
  - o 20 General Business
  - o 3 Local Authority
  - o 4 General Residential
  - o 1 Institutional
  - o 1 Light Industrial
- 266 Single Residential



**EXTENSION 6, KARIBIB**

- Ext 6 comprises of 35 newly created Erven
- o 4 Industrial
  - o 27 light industrial
  - o 1 local authority
  - o 1 Public open space
  - o 1 private Open space
  - o 1 Hospitality



Best Cheer Stone - Newly built factory



**Councillors (2016-2020) & CEO**

From the left standing: Hon. Gerson Geingob(responsible for Housing, Land and Infrastructure Development ); Hon. Rosalia !Noarises –Ordinary Council member ;Hon. Pieter Kausiona-Ordinary Council member;

**Mr. Lesley Goreseb (Chief Executive Officer);Hon. Robert Hamalwa (responsible for Community and Local Development)**

From the left :Hon. Amanda //Hamases-Deputy Mayor ( responsible for Sport, Culture, Education, Youth Development and prevention of Gender Based Violence);His worship The Mayor. Petrus Nabot-Chairperson of the Council and

Hon. Monalisa Karimbue-The Chairperson of the Management Committee (responsible for all staff and financial related matters)



**Junior Councillor (2020-2021) & CEO**

**Standing From Left :** Hon. Bernice Horases-( responsible for Community Development & Economic Growth); Hon. Bradley Dausab-Councillor (responsible for Sports, Culture, Youth Development and the prevention of Gender Base Violence)

Hon. KeshipeMukete-( responsible for Health and Environmental Management) Hon. Edward Hoebeb-( responsible for Finance related matters) Hon. Josef Shimopileni-Councillor responsible for Housing and Land related matters :

From the left: Hon. UjandjaUanguta-Deputy Junior Mayor ; Hon. JazzmoKotzee-Junior Mayor and Mr. Lesley Goreseb CEO

**Karibib Open Market**



**Solar Panels Met-Detchi  
Solar Power Plant**



**Woermann & Brock Supermarket**



**Karibib Gemstone Centre**



**Agra  
(PTY) Ltd**



Engen Service Station



Western Restaurant & Bar



Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Forestry



**Karibib Town Council**  
P O Box 19  
Kalk street

**Namibia Marble & Granite (PTY) Ltd**



**Karibib Constituency Office**



**QKR Navachab Gold Mine**



# SERVICES PROVIDED IN KARIBIB



## Financial Institutions

- **First National Bank**  
(situated at Woermann & Brock Complex)  
Tel: +264 64-550024  
Operating Hours: Monday - Friday 08H30 - 15H30  
: Saturday - 09H00 - 13H00
- **First National Bank ATM**  
(situated at Woermann & Brock, OK complex)
- **Standard Bank**  
(situated at Ok Complex)  
Tel: +264 64-55  
Operating Hours: Monday - Friday 08H30-15H30  
: Saturday 09H00-13H00
- **Standard Bank ATM**  
(situated at Ok Complex)
- **Bank Windhoek ATM**  
(situated inside Ok Grocer)
- **Namibia Post & Telecommunication**  
Tel: +264 64-550043  
Operating Hours: Monday - Friday 09H00 - 17H00  
: Saturday 09H00 - 13H00



## Fuel Station

- **Engen Service Station**  
Tel: +264 64-550409  
Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday 24Hrs



## Safety & Security

- **Police Station**  
Karibib Police Station  
Tel: +264 64-550008  
Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday 24Hrs
- **NDF- Air Force Base**  
Tel: +264 64-5537001/+264 64-5537000  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 -17H00



## Airport

- Military (Air Force), no civic landing field



## Accommodation

- Six (5) B&Bs, and 6 self-catering flats
- **Tommy Lodge Bed & Breakfast**  
Tel: + 264 64-550081
- **Halfway Overnight Self Catering Units**  
Tel: +264 64-550040/+264 812578115
- **Klippenberg Country Club & Guesthouse**  
Tel: +264 64-550693/+264 811248730
- **Angis Guesthouse**  
Tel: +264 64-550126/+264 818711511
- **Heinz Stover Seminary Rooms**  
Tel: +264 813461077
- **Auld Casa Guesthouse**  
Tel: +264 818526193

# SERVICES PROVIDED IN KARIBIB...



## Shops

- **Ok Grocer**  
Tel: +264 64-5537000  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 - 19H00  
: Saturday-Sunday 09H00 - 17h00
- **Agra (PTY) Ltd**  
Tel: +264 64-550025  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 - 17H00  
: Saturday-Sunday 09H00 - 13h00
- **Wilson Supermarket**  
Cell: +264 812347741  
Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday 08H00 - 19H00
- **Woermann & Brock Supermarket**  
Cell: +264 812036284  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 - 19H00  
: Saturday-Sunday 09H00 - 15h00
- **SMIG Wholesale**  
Tel: +264 64-550153  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 - 17H00  
: Saturday: 09H00 - 13H00
- **African Horizon Multi-Save Supermarket**  
Tel: +264 64-550672/+264 814413823  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 - 17H00  
: Saturday: 09H00-13H00
- **Pep Store**  
Tel: +264-64-550131  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00 - 17H00  
: Saturday: 09H00-13H00



## Churches

- +- Eight (7) Churches  
Catholic Church  
Gospel Pentecostal Church  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Apostolic Faith Church  
Evangelical Luthearn Church  
Shalom Pentecostal Church  
Cornerstone Fellowship International



## Emergency Services

- **Local Authority Fire Station**  
Tel: +264 64-550016/+264 814221805  
Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday 24Hrs
- **Ambulance at Health Centre& SOS  
Karibib Heath Centre**  
Tel: + 264 64-550073  
Operating Hours: Monday-Sunday 24Hrs



## Recreational Facilities

- Usab Sports Field
- Karibib Hym



## Transport / Road Authority

- **Karibib Natis Office**  
Kalk Street  
Tel: +264 64-550016  
Fax: +264 64-550032  
Operating Hours: Monday-Friday 08H00-17H00

## Karibib Town Layout



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