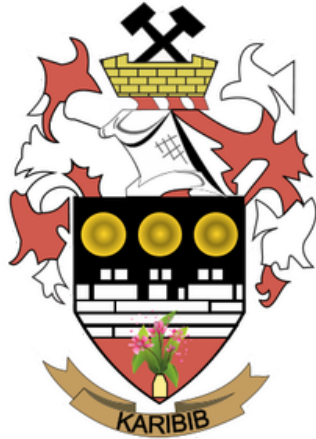




Karibib Town Profile



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Welcome to the “City of Bright Lights”

Nestled in the heart of Namibia’s Erongo Region, Karibib stands as a town of both historical depth and contemporary promise.

Established during the early days of Namibia’s development, Karibib has long been recognized for rich marble and gold deposits, a strategic location between the capital city Windhoek and the coastal hub of Swakopmund, and an enduring contribution to the country’s mining and transport sectors.

Set against a landscape where rugged mountains meet open savannah, Karibib embodies a unique charm that blends industrious activity with warm hospitality. The town carries a proud cultural heritage, steady economic growth, and a community spirit rooted in resilience.

With a central location, supportive governance, and growing infrastructure, Karibib represents a town of opportunity where tradition and progress meet. Viewed through the lens of commerce, investment, and quality of life, Karibib continues to stand as a vital cornerstone in Namibia’s regional and national development.



Mission, Vision, & Core Values

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 investment 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 and stakeholder engagement



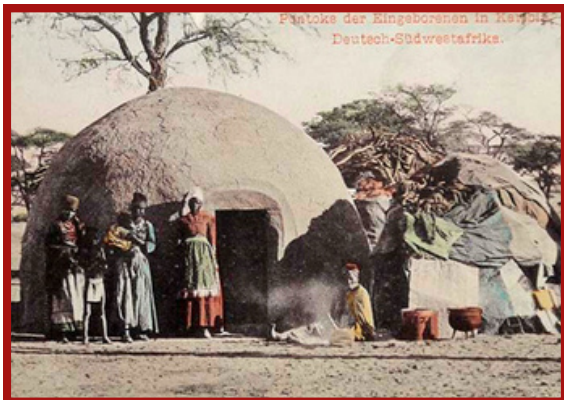
History of Karibib

The town of Karibib originated as a watering point for the Herero people known as Otjandjomboimwe. This watering point and adjoining land was bought from Herero headman Zacharias Zeraua, by Eduard Hälbich, a merchant from Otjimbingwe. According to legend Hälbich realised the business potential of the site arising from the railway construction work being undertaken between Swakopmund and Windhoek.

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, 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 towns importance as a military hub grew. This then 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 finding of gold, marble and granite in the surroundings of town further contributed to the economic livelihood of the town. Over the years, the economy of the town became more focused on mining than service delivery. With the rise of modern vehicles the role of the town of Karibib as a service centre shifted to that of a transportation hub for passing travelers on their way to the coast, Windhoek or the north, and a mining town exporting marble and gold domestic and internationally.



Administration

Karibib is a fully autonomous Town Council administered through the Local Authorities Act of 1992 (Act 23 of 1992). 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.

Karibib Town falls within the Karibib Constituency which includes the urban areas of Karibib, Usakos, and Otjimbingwe. The Karibib Constituency mainly comprises of these urban areas and private commercial farms.

The Town of Karibib comprising of some 9,800 hectares 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 2023 was 19,705 (NSA, 2023) of which the town of Karibib had a population of 6,938.

The Council consists of seven Councilors, with 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.



Mayor

His Worship: Mr. Davey Van Wyk



Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Tangeni Enkono

Councillors



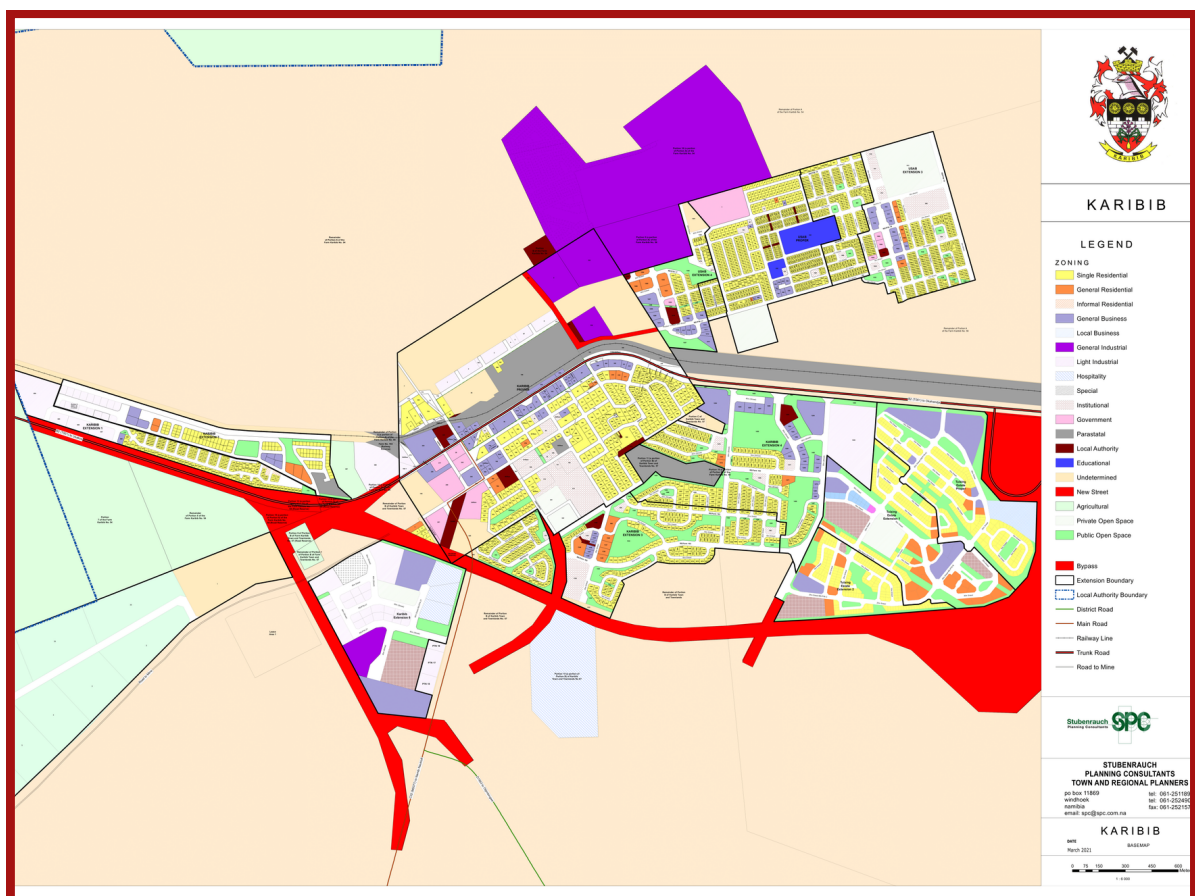
Standing (Ltr): Cllr. Asbalom Xoagub (Ordinary Member) Cllr. Martha Kahumba (Additional Member of MC), Cllr. Sedney Seibeb (Member of MC), Cllr. Amanda Ndafuda Du Plessis (Member of MC)

Sitting (Ltr): Cllr. Tienus Marco Bamm (MC Chairperson),
Cllr. Davey Van Wyk (Mayor)
Cllr. Petrus Ntoni (Deputy Mayor)

Town Map

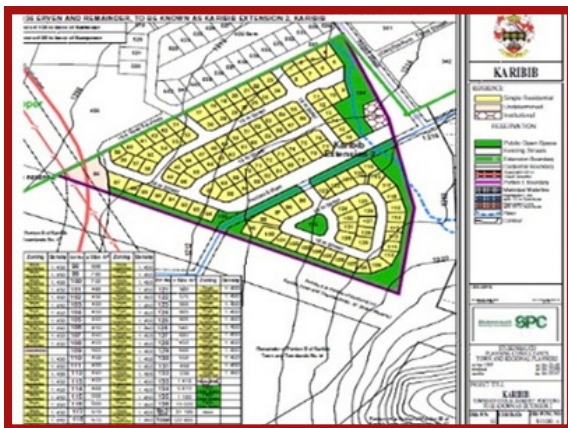
The Karibib base map presents the town's zoning and infrastructure layout in a clear, colour-coded format. This map delineates extension boundaries, the local authority boundary, and special-use zones, providing a comprehensive representation of urban planning and land use in Karibib.

The maps on the following pages reflect the current extensions within the Town Council's jurisdiction, and the planned development plan per the Structure Plan of 2016–2030.



Extensions for Development

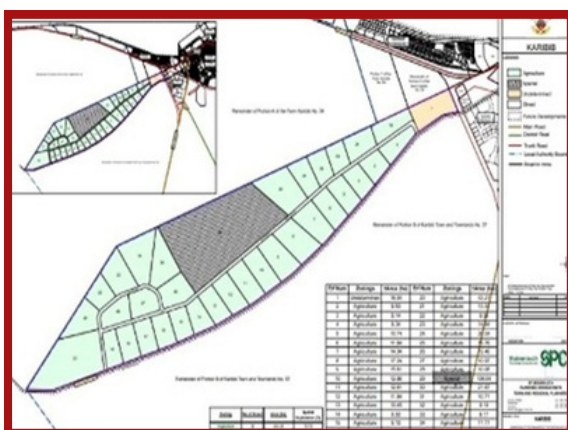
Council has managed to have Six (6) new extensions approved by the Township Board as follows:



Extension 2, Karibib



Extension 4, Karibib

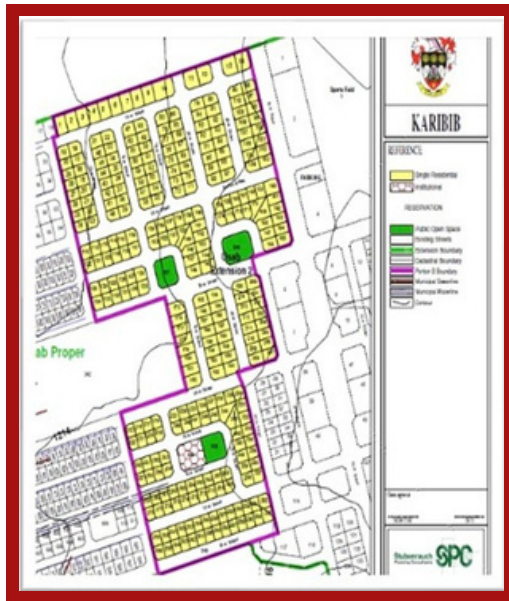


Extension 5, Karibib

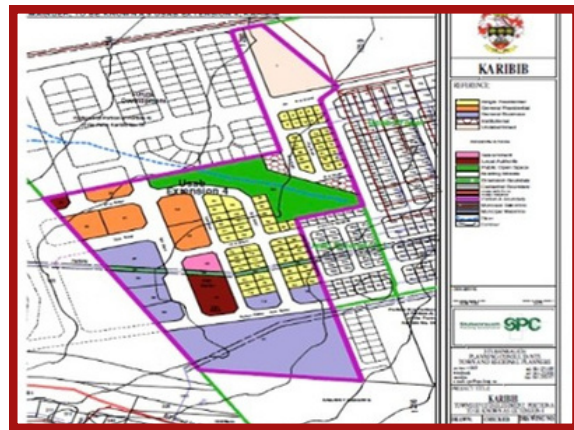


Extension 6, Karibib

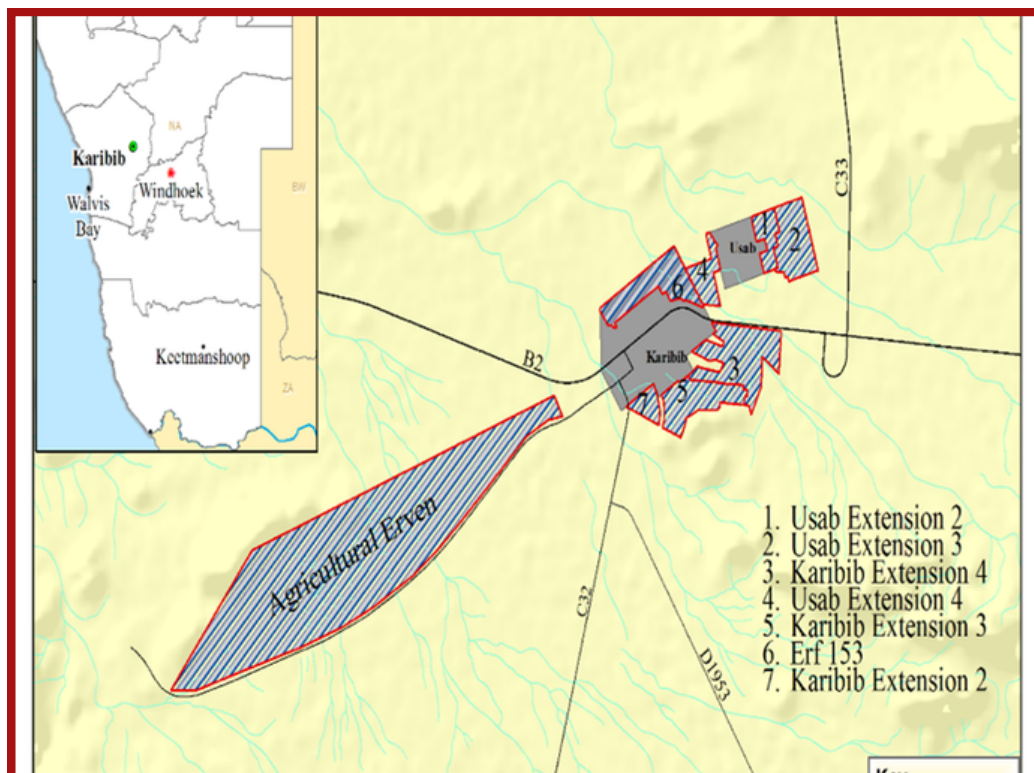
Extensions for Development Cont.



Extension 2, Usab

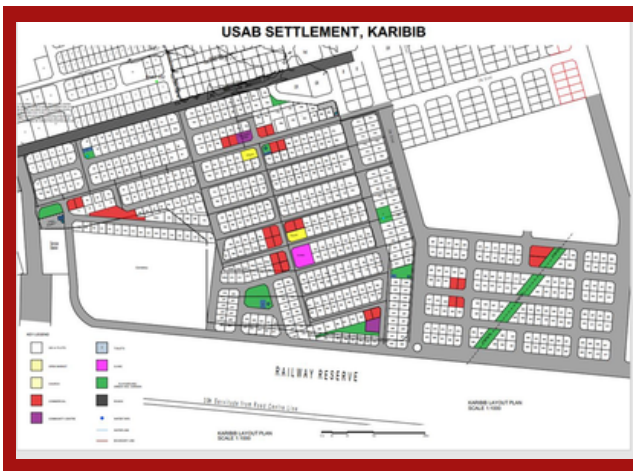


Extension 4, Usab

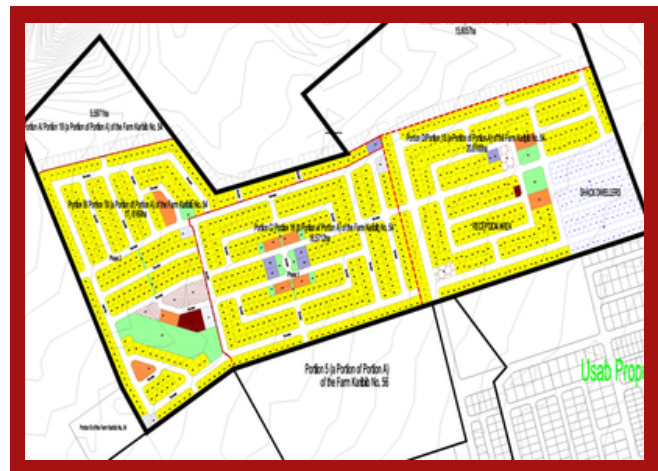


Formalization of Informal Settlements

“Upgrade and Expansion of Municipal Service Infrastructure” of Future Developments is clearly outlined on Page 18.



Usab Settlement



Harambee Settlement



New Location (Usab Extension 10)



Old Location (Usab Extension 11)

Demographics

Administrative Region: Erongo Region

Constituency: Karibib Constituency

Distances to Other Towns:

To Windhoek: 184 km

To Walvis Bay: 211 km

To Ongwediva: 660 km

To Rundu: 669 km

Area Total: 95.8 km²

Climate: Arid Desert, Average 22.1 °C



Density: 72 persons per km²

Population Total: 6,938

Male: 3,585

Female: 3,353

Languages Spoken:

English, Afrikaans, Khoekhoegowab,
Otjiherero, Oshiwambo

Main Industries:

Gold, Lithium, Marble Mining
Transport and Logistics Support
Solar Energy



Infrastructure

Healthcare and Emergency Response:

The Town of Karibib has one health centre; two private health facilities, a pharmacy, and one HIV counselling and testing centre. The Town also has an ambulance service by the Ministry of Health and Social Services and an emergency response unit operated by Karibib Town Council.

Water Provision:

Bulk water to Karibib is supplied by Namwater via the Swakoppoort reservoir. 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 Karibib Town Council to the Town residents. The capacity of the treatment plant is 3,600m³/hour (WCE, 2015) and treatment is done by chemical dosing, flash mixing, flocculation, settling, filtration and disinfection. After treatment water is pumped to a 1,350m³ 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 power line by Erongo RED, terminating at the Karibib 66/11kV, 2.5 MVA substation (WCE, 2015). The current demand according to the bulk infrastructure master plan is 1.65MVA, leaving the Town with a reserve capacity of 0.85MVA.

Telecommunications and Internet

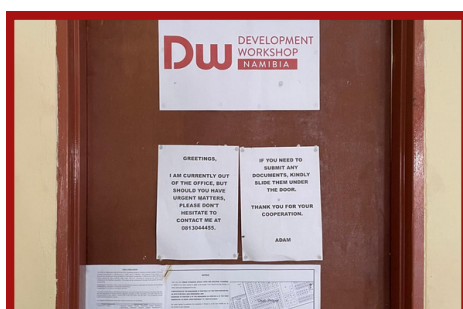
Karibib's internet and cellular coverage is strong, with all major service providers available.



Government Services

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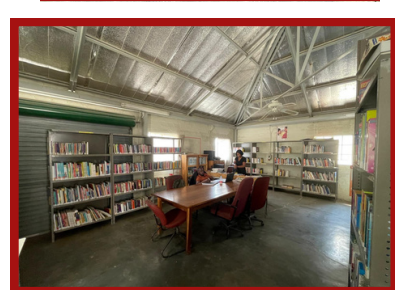
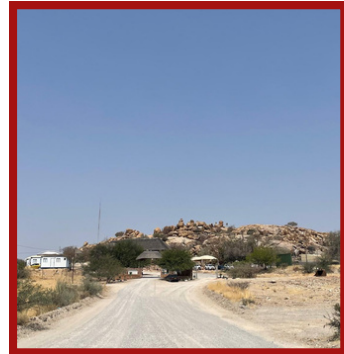
Karibib is home to various government offices including the Erongo Regional Council's Karibib Constituency Office, Ministry of Agriculture, Water, and Land Reform, a police station, a fire station, a Ministry of Health and Social Services, and the Magistrate Court. Development Workshop of Namibia, (DWN) also has an office at the Town Council Usab Office.



Quality of Life

Shopping and Quality of Life

Karibib offers a good quality of life with access to essential services, affordable housing and a variety of shops, markets and local businesses that cater to the daily needs of the community. Engen and Shell service stations offers fuel for passing motorists and NamPost is available for residents. Banks, hardware stores, auto mechanics, car washes, beauty parlors, a law practice, and a public library are all available in town to serve the residents. Additionally, a sports field owned by QKR Navachab is utilized for sports events in the community.



Education

Education:

Education in Karibib continues to play a vital role in shaping the future of the town with schools and training institutions working hard to empower learners with knowledge and practical skills for a better tomorrow.

- a) **Karibib Gemstone Center** is owned by the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade, and SME Development. It offers a six month training programme in gemstone cutting and polishing targeted at unemployed youth.
- b) **Ebenhaeser Primary School:** A public primary school catering for learners from Grade 0-7.
- c) **Karibib Junior Secondary School:** The school is a public junior secondary institution serving grades 8-11.
- d) **Karibib Private School** is a private institution that emphasizes smaller class size and higher academic standards.
- e) **Cornerstone Academy** is a Christian private education facility that caters for children from kindergarten up to Grade 7.
- f) **Emmaus Kindergarten** is a private educational facility catering for young children.
- g) **Sunshine Kindergarten** is a private educational facility aimed at young children and toddlers.



Key Industries

The town's key industries include marble and granite quarrying, which supply both local and international markets with high-quality stone. Mining also plays a significant role, with gold extraction contributing to the region's economic growth. Additionally, Karibib serves as an important hub for transport and logistics, owing to its strategic location along the B2 highway and railway routes connecting to Windhoek, Walvis Bay, and beyond. Small-scale agriculture and livestock farming further support the local economy, while growing sectors such as retail and services provide employment opportunities and enhance community development.



QKR Navachab Gold Mine



Namibia Marble and Granite
(NAMAGRA)



Karibib Solar Plant



Best Cheer Stone

Future Development

Expansion of Residential Developments:

Karibib is currently undergoing rapid urbanization and development due to economic opportunities within town. As of 2025, housing developments in Karibib Extension 1 also known as Knuemeyer and Karibib Extension 4 is ongoing or nearing completion. In the informal settlements of Harambee and Uis, approximately 90 houses are under development with the assistance of the Shack Dwellers Federation.

Upgrade and Expansion of Municipal Service Infrastructure

In both Harambee and Uis, with the assistance of ErongoRed, approximately 360 houses were electrified. With the assistance of Development Workshop Namibia, water and sewerage installation is ongoing, with both at the advanced stages of construction.

Expansion of QKR Navachab and Osino:

In 2025, both QKR Navachab and Osino announced plans to expand their current mining operations in the region, promising further growth and opportunities for the community and Karibib at large for years to come.

Construction of Medical Centre:

In March 2025, QKR Navachab in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Services held a groundbreaking ceremony of a new medical centre in Karibib. Construction is expected to begin in 2026.

Construction of SME Incubation Centre

Karibib Town Council has approved plans for the construction of a SME incubation centre to provide services to small and medium enterprises. The construction is expected to begin in phases starting in 2026.

Community Garden

After a long period of setbacks and dormancy, the Town Council is reviving the women's community garden to support the community and town development, with plans to drill boreholes and solicit new stakeholders to collaborate and provide additional support in achieving the project objectives.

Upgrade of B2 Road between Karibib and Usakos

The upgrade of the B2 Road between Karibib and Usakos is well underway, with an expected completion date of May 2026. The main road of town as well as the 31km stretch between Karibib and Usakos will be a four lane highway.

Ongoing Development Gallery



Conclusion

The Karibib Town Council remains firmly committed to fostering sustainable development, improved service delivery and inclusive economic growth for all residents. Through the implementation of this profile, the Council seeks to build on Karibib's unique strengths, unlock new investment opportunities, and enhance the quality of life within the town. By working in partnership with stakeholders, businesses, and the community, Karibib is well-positioned to achieve its vision of becoming a vibrant, prosperous, and environmentally responsible town.





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